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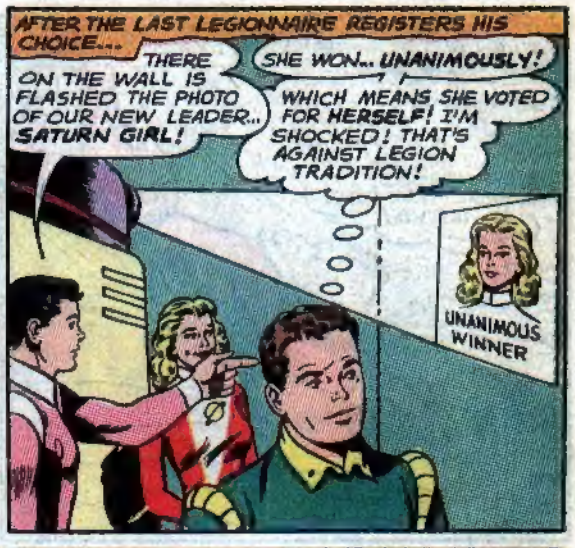
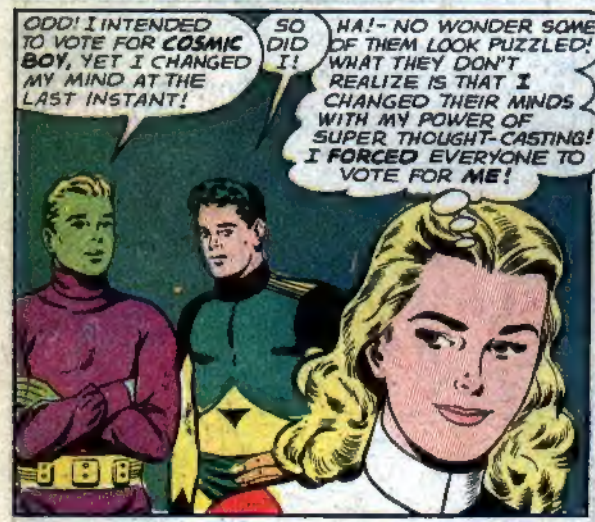
TALES OF THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES

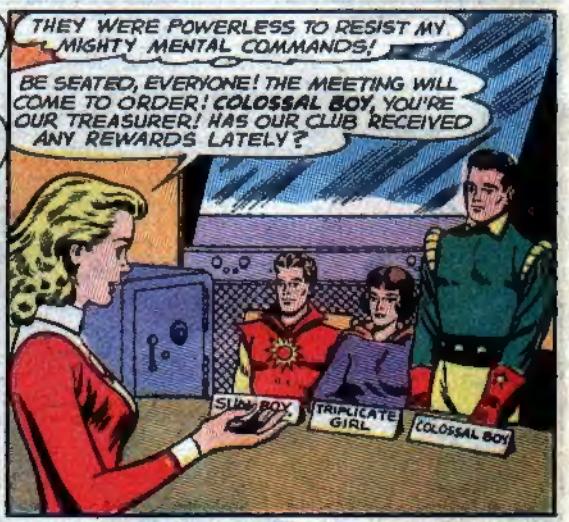
SATURN GIRL HAS ALWAYS BEEN A VERY SWEET GIRL WHO HAPPENS TO BE GIFTED WITH SUPER THOUGHT-CASTING POWER. ONE DAY, HOWEVER, SHE TURNS INTO A STERN TYRANT AFTER HER FELLOW LEGIONNAIRES ELECT HER THEIR NEW LEADER. WHAT HAS CHANGED HER SO? AND WHY DOES SHE SECRETLY DUPLICATE, WITHIN HERSELF, HER FRIENDS' POWERS? HAS SHE JOINED UP WITH ONE OF THE EVILEST SPACE VILLAINS IN THE COSMOS, IN AN ATTEMPT TO SABOTAGE THE LEGION? YOU'LL FIND THE ANSWER IN THE AMAZING TALE OF...
The STOLEN SUPER-POWERS!
FROM ADVENTURE #304 (JAN., 1963).
SUPER-HERO CLUBHOUSE
MUTINY, EH? YOU'LL BE PUNISHED FOR THAT, COSMIC BOY! I HEREBY COMMAND YOU NOT TO USE YOUR SUPER-POWER FOR 90 DAYS!
HA, HA! LITTLE DOES HE, OR THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES, SUSPECT THAT I'M STEALING AWAY ALL THEIR SUPER-POWERS!!!
I'VE RAISED THE SUPER-HERO CLUBHOUSE HIGH OVERHEAD WITH MY POWERS OF SUPER-MAGNETISM AS YOU DIRECTED, SATURN GIRL--BUT I REFUSE TO OBEY YOUR ORDER TO LET IT FALL DOWN AND SMASH!

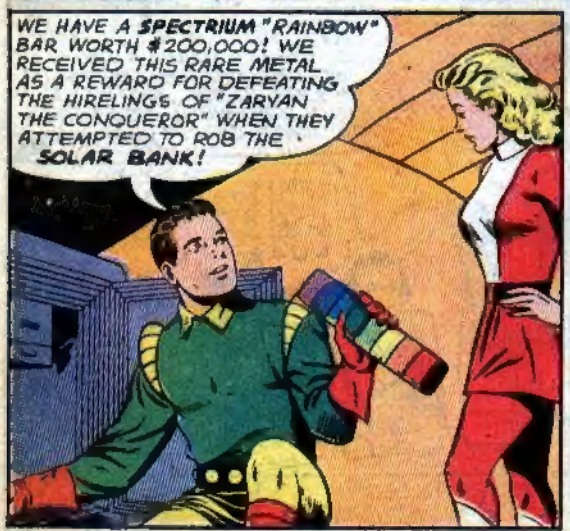
OUR STORY OPENS IN THE YEAR 2963, AS LEGIONNAIRE SATURN GIRL FLASHES DOWN TOWARD THE SUPER-HERO CLUBHOUSE...
TODAY WE'RE GOING TO HOLD OUR ANNUAL MEETING TO ELECT A NEW LEADER FOR OUR LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES! I'M PROBABLY THE FIRST TO ARRIVE!
SHORTLY AFTER SHE ALIGHTS...
A CAPSULE--DROPPING OUT OF THE SKY! IT'S SLOWING ITS DESCENT!
THEN, AS THE OBJECT LANDS BEFORE HER...
IT CONTAINS A MESSAGE--AND I CAN READ IT THROUGH THE SIDE OF THE CRYSTALLINE CAPSULE... HM-MM. "ZARYAN THE CONQUEROR"...
I'LL DESTROY THE CAPSULE WITH THIS RAY-BLAST! THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES WILL NEVER KNOW IT CAME!
ZZAPP-PP!
PRESENTLY, AS THE REMAINING MEMBERS ARRIVE...
EVERYONE PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR EXCEPT SUPERBOY, WHO'S IN THE PAST... AND SUPERGIRL, WHO'S IN HER OWN TIME-ERA, SOME YEARS AFTER SUPERBOY'S TIME!
WE'VE GATHERED TODAY TO VOTE FOR A NEW LEADER! JUST STEP UP TO THE VOTE-O-MATIC MACHINE, LEGIONNAIRES...PRESS THE LIKENESS OF YOUR CHOICE... AND WE'LL KNOW, SHORTLY, WHO WON!--YOU FIRST, TRIPLICATE GIRL!*
VOTE-O-MATIC
BOUNCING BOY
SATURN GIRL
COSMIC BOY
SHRINKING VIOLET
TRIPLICATE GIRL
SUN BOY
BRAINIAC 5
*SINCE ONE OF HER THREE BODIES WAS LATER KILLED IN ACTION, TRIPLICATE GIRL IS NOW KNOWN AS DUO DAMSEL.

CHUCKLE!!—I COULD TRIPLICATE MYSELF AND VOTE THREE TIMES...HA, HA!
I COULD MAKE MYSELF INVISIBLE --VOTE REPEATEDLY --AND NO ONE WOULD EVER KNOW, HA, HA!
CUT THE COMEDY, YOU CLOWNS... AND VOTE!


AFTER THE LAST LEGIONNAIRE REGISTERS HIS CHOICE...
THERE ON THE WALL IS FLASHED THE PHOTO OF OUR NEW LEADER... SATURN GIRL!
SHE WON... UNANIMOUSLY!
WHICH MEANS SHE VOTED FOR HERSELF! I'M SHOCKED! THAT'S AGAINST LEGION TRADITION!
UNANIMOUS WINNER


ODD! I INTENDED TO VOTE FOR COSMIC BOY, YET I CHANGED MY MIND AT THE LAST INSTANT!
SO DID I!
HA!- NO WONDER SOME OF THEM LOOK PUZZLED! WHAT THEY DON'T REALIZE IS THAT I CHANGED THEIR MINDS WITH MY POWER OF SUPER THOUGHT-CASTING! I FORCED EVERYONE TO VOTE FOR ME!


THEY WERE POWERLESS TO RESIST MY MIGHTY MENTAL COMMANDS!
BE SEATED, EVERYONE! THE MEETING WILL COME TO ORDER! COLOSSAL BOY, YOU'RE OUR TREASURER! HAS OUR CLUB RECEIVED ANY REWARDS LATELY?
SUNBOY
TRIPLICATE GIRL
COLOSSAL BOY


WE HAVE A SPECTRIUM "RAINBOW" BAR WORTH #200,000! WE RECEIVED THIS RARE METAL AS A REWARD FOR DEFEATING THE HIRELINGS OF "ZARYAN THE CONQUEROR" WHEN THEY ATTEMPTED TO ROB THE SOLAR BANK!

I'M MATTER-EATER LAD, A NEW MEMBER! WHO IS "ZARYAN THE CONQUEROR"??
HE IS AN INTERPLANETARY CRIMINAL FROM THE PLANET BROK. ONCE ZARYAN OFFERED THE LEGION A FABULOUS BRIBE NOT TO OPPOSE HIM, BUT WE REJECTED IT!
ZARYAN
WANTED INTERPLANETARY VILLAINS
LIGHTNING LAD
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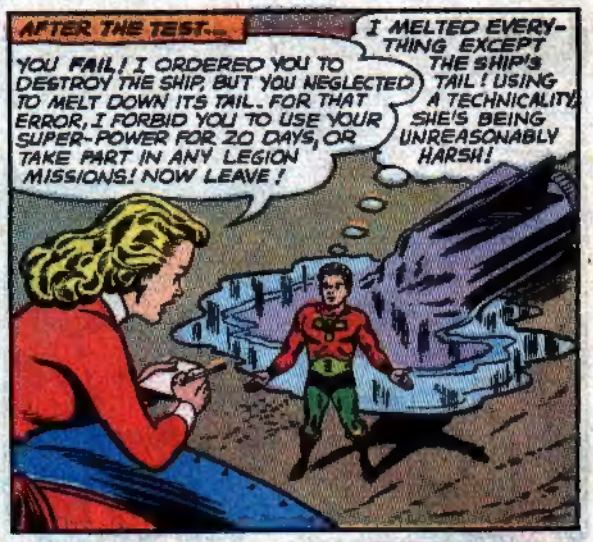
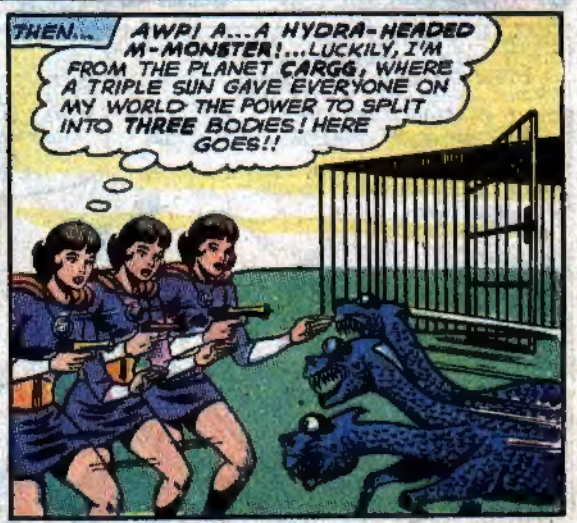
SECONDS LATER, AS SATURN GIRL SEIZES THE SPECTRUM...
GREAT SCOTT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
TOSSING THE SPECTRUM INTO THIS MEDALLION-MANUFACTURING MACHINE! THE MECHANISM'S PHOTO-EYE WILL TRANSFER MY IMAGE ONTO THE PRODUCT IT WILL CREATE WITHIN SECONDS!
WHRR-RR
SEVERAL MOMENTS AFTERWARD...
SEE? MY PICTURE IS ENGRAVED ON THESE MEDALLIONS THE MACHINE FASHIONED OUT OF THE SPECTRUM ...LEGIONNAIRES, FROM NOW ON, ALL OF US WILL WEAR THESE!
OUR TREASURY... SQUANDERED! $200,000- TO FEED YOUR EGO! I PROTEST!
ME, TOO!
HA, HA! IF ONLY THEY KNEW WHY I WANT THEM TO WEAR IT!
SILENCE!!! ACCORDING TO THE LEGION'S CONSTITUTION, SECTION Y381, "THE LEADER CAN USE THE TREASURY AS HE, OR SHE, SEES FIT!"- PUT THE MEDALLIONS ON!!
HA, HA! I'VE GOT THEM WHERE I WANT THEM! THEY'VE GOT TO OBEY ME!
LISTEN TO ME, LEGIONNAIRES! THE LEGION HAS BEEN RUN INEFFICIENTLY, BUT NOW THAT I'M BOSS, THAT'S ALL CHANGED! I DEMAND THE BEST FROM YOU! I'M GOING TO TEST EACH LEGIONNAIRE! WHOEVER DOESN'T USE HIS POWERS EFFECTIVELY, WILL BE PUNISHED SEVERELY!
TRIPLICATE GIRL
SUN BOY
BOUNCING BOY
SOON, EN ROUTE TO THE LEGION'S TESTING GROUNDS...
GOODNESS, I NEVER DREAMED SATURN GIRL WOULD TURN INTO SUCH A STERN TYRANT, ULTRA-BOY! IT'S SO UNLIKE HER!
CAREFUL WHAT YOU THINK, TRIPLICATE GIRL! REMEMBER, SHE CAN READ MINDS!!
SHORTLY...
ULTRA-BOY, I AM TESTING YOU FIRST. I ORDER YOU TO DESTROY THAT WRECKED SPACESHIP FROM ANOTHER WORLD WITH THE HEAT OF YOUR ULTRA-VISION!
YES, LEADER!

AH-HHH! CONCENTRATING HARD ON HIS SPECTRIUM MEDALLION, AS HE USES HIS FANTASTIC VISION, I'M ACTIVATING THE METAL'S UNIQUE PROPERTIES SO THAT HIS AMAZING POWER IS BEING DUPLICATED WITHIN ME! NOW I, TOO, POSSESS ULTRA-VISION!!
SSSS-SSSSS....


AFTER THE TEST...
YOU FAIL! I ORDERED YOU TO DESTROY THE SHIP, BUT YOU NEGLECTED TO MELT DOWN ITS TAIL. FOR THAT ERROR, I FORBID YOU TO USE YOUR SUPER-POWER FOR 20 DAYS, OR TAKE PART IN ANY LEGION MISSIONS! NOW LEAVE!
I MELTED EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE SHIP'S TAIL! USING A TECHNICALITY! SHE'S BEING UNREASONABLY HARSH!

MINUTES LATER, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE TESTING AREA...
TRIPLICATE GIRL, YOU'RE NEXT! DEFEND YOURSELF WITH THE RAY GUN I'VE TOSSED TO YOU! - IN A FEW MOMENTS, YOU'LL BE ATTACKED BY A STARTLING MENACE! USE YOUR POWERS TO FIGHT IT! ARE YOU READY?
READY, SATURN GIRL!


THEN...
AWP! A...A HYDRA-HEADED M-MONSTER!...LUCKILY, I'M FROM THE PLANET CARGG, WHERE A TRIPLE SUN GAVE EVERYONE ON MY WORLD THE POWER TO SPLIT INTO THREE BODIES! HERE GOES!!

AT LEAST ONE OF MY THREE FORMS WILL SUCCEED IN FORCING THE CREATURE INTO THAT CAGE WITH THESE POWER-RAYS BEFORE THE BEAST CAN OVERPOWER THE OTHER TWO OF US!
HA, HA, HA! IDIOT!
}ULP!= - IT'S LEAPING R-RIGHT THROUGH US!!!??
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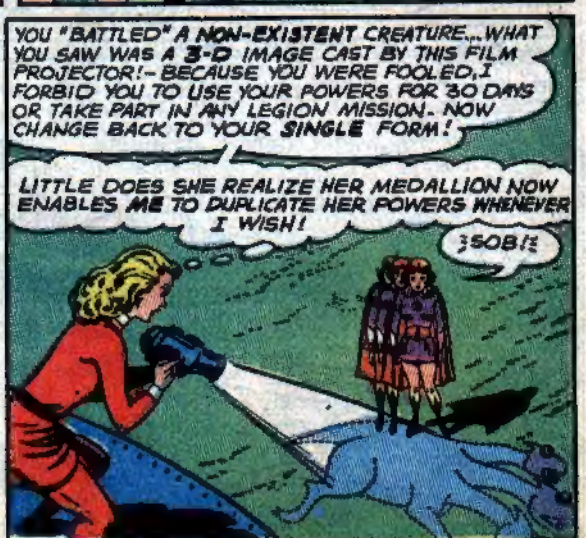
YOU "BATTLED" A NON-EXISTENT CREATURE...WHAT YOU SAW WAS A 3-D IMAGE CAST BY THIS FILM PROJECTOR! - BECAUSE YOU WERE FOOLED, I FORBID YOU TO USE YOUR POWERS FOR 30 DAYS OR TAKE PART IN ANY LEGION MISSION. NOW CHANGE BACK TO YOUR SINGLE FORM!
LITTLE DOES SHE REALIZE HER MEDALLION NOW ENABLES ME TO DUPLICATE HER POWERS WHENEVER I WISH!
}SOB!=

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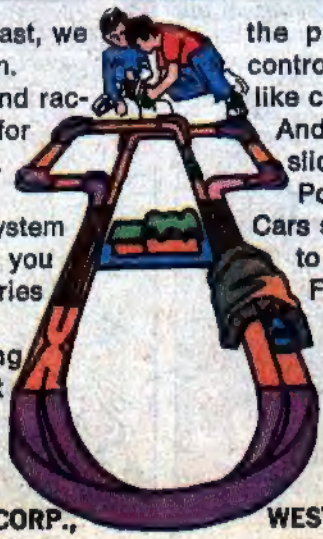

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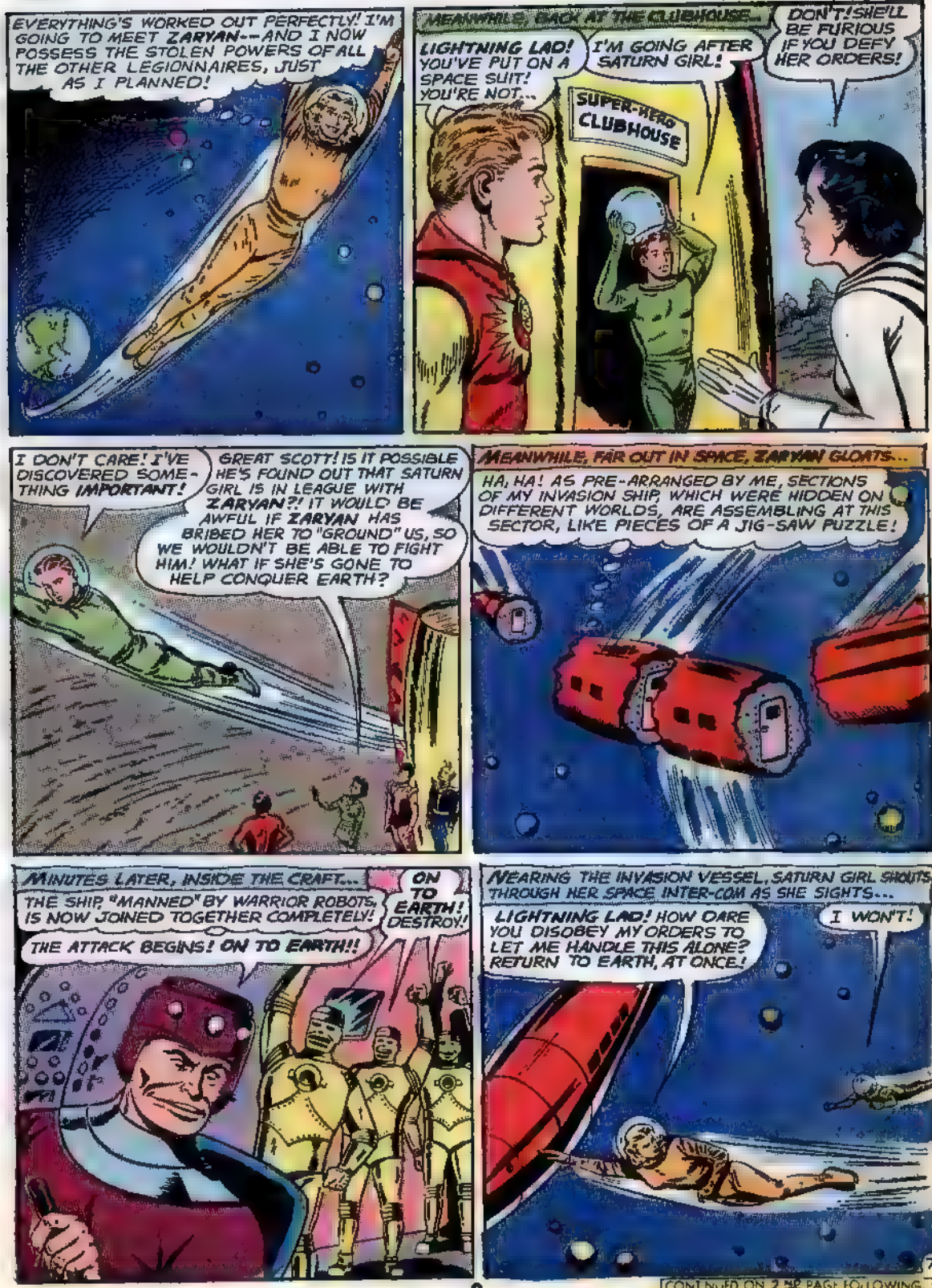
THEN, AS OTHER LEGIONNAIRES ARE GIVEN TESTS...
NOT SMALL ENOUGH, SHRINKING VIOLET! I FORBID YOU TO USE YOUR SHRINKING POWER FOR 90 DAYS!
NOT BIG ENOUGH, COLOSSAL BOY! I "GROUND" YOU FOR 120 DAYS!
I WANTED YOU TO SPLIT A MOUNTAIN, NOT A MERE BOULDER! AS PUNISHMENT, YOU'RE NOT TO USE YOUR LIGHTNING POWER FOR A MONTH, LIGHTNING LAD!
AFTER SHE IS ALONE...
MY TRICK WORKED! HA, HA! WILLING MYSELF TO COLOSSAL SIZE, I CAN TRIPLICATE MYSELF, EXERT SUPER-MAGNETIC, COSMIC POWER...
...SHINE WITH THE BRILLIANCE OF THE SUN...
...LAUNCH LIGHTNING BOLTS, ETC.— I CAN DUPLICATE THE POWERS OF ALL THE LEGIONNAIRES EXCEPT SUPERBOY AND SUPERGIRL, WHO ARE IN DIFFERENT TIME-ERAS!!
LATER, CHANGING BACK TO HER NORMAL FORM, SATURN GIRL REJOINS HER COMPANIONS...
I'M ASHAMED OF ALL OF YOU!
COMMANDER LORING OF WORLD-WIDE POLICE SPEAKING! WE'VE LEARNED ZARYAN IS IN OUTER SPACE, PREPARING TO ATTACK EARTH! STOP HIM, LEGION!
QUICKLY DONNING AN ANTI-GRAVITY SPACE SUIT, SATURN GIRL STREAKS UPWARD...
DISGRACEFUL! BECAUSE YOU'RE ALL GROUNDED, I'LL HAVE TO HANDLE THIS EMERGENCY MYSELF!— IF ANYONE DARES FOLLOW, I'LL EXPEL HIM FROM THE LEGION!
IT'S USELESS TO REASON WITH HER!
BUT—


EVERYTHING'S WORKED OUT PERFECTLY! I'M GOING TO MEET ZARYAN--AND I NOW POSSESS THE STOLEN POWERS OF ALL THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES, JUST AS I PLANNED!
MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE CLUBHOUSE...
LIGHTNING LAD! YOU'VE PUT ON A SPACE SUIT! YOU'RE NOT...
I'M GOING AFTER SATURN GIRL!
DON'T! SHE'LL BE FURIOUS IF YOU DEFY HER ORDERS!
SUPER-HERO CLUBHOUSE
I DON'T CARE! I'VE DISCOVERED SOMETHING IMPORTANT!
GREAT SCOTT! IS IT POSSIBLE HE'S FOUND OUT THAT SATURN GIRL IS IN LEAGUE WITH ZARYAN?! IT WOULD BE AWFUL IF ZARYAN HAS BRIBED HER TO "GROUND" US, SO WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FIGHT HIM! WHAT IF SHE'S GONE TO HELP CONQUER EARTH?
MEANWHILE, FAR OUT IN SPACE, ZARYAN GLOATS...
HA, HA! AS PRE-ARRANGED BY ME, SECTIONS OF MY INVASION SHIP, WHICH WERE HIDDEN ON DIFFERENT WORLDS, ARE ASSEMBLING AT THIS SECTOR, LIKE PIECES OF A JIG-SAW PUZZLE!
MINUTES LATER, INSIDE THE CRAFT...
THE SHIP, "MANNED" BY WARRIOR ROBOTS, IS NOW JOINED TOGETHER COMPLETELY!
ON TO EARTH! DESTROY!
THE ATTACK BEGINS! ON TO EARTH!!
NEARING THE INVASION VESSEL, SATURN GIRL SHOUTS THROUGH HER SPACE INTER-COM AS SHE SIGHTS...
LIGHTNING LAD! HOW DARE YOU DISOBEY MY ORDERS TO LET ME HANDLE THIS ALONE? RETURN TO EARTH, AT ONCE!
I WON'T!
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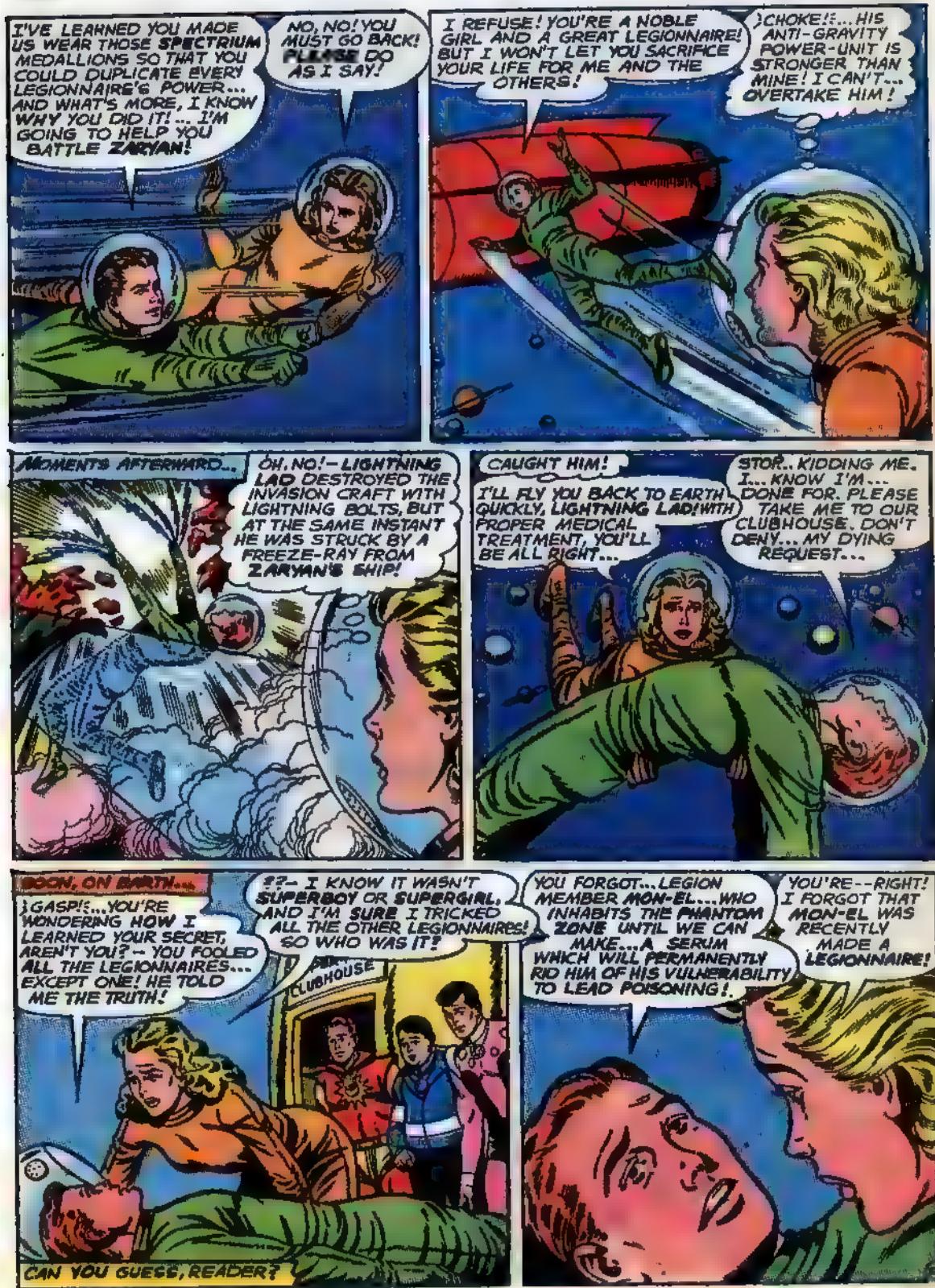
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NO, NO! YOU MUST GO BACK! PLEASE DO AS I SAY!
I REFUSE! YOU'RE A NOBLE GIRL AND A GREAT LEGIONNAIRE! BUT I WON'T LET YOU SACRIFICE YOUR LIFE FOR ME AND THE OTHERS!
}CHOKE!?... HIS ANTI-GRAVITY POWER-UNIT IS STRONGER THAN MINE! I CAN'T... OVERTAKE HIM!
MOMENTS AFTERWARD...
OH, NO!- LIGHTNING LAD DESTROYED THE INVASION CRAFT WITH LIGHTNING BOLTS, BUT AT THE SAME INSTANT HE WAS STRUCK BY A FREEZE-RAY FROM ZARYAN'S SHIP!
CAUGHT HIM!
I'LL FLY YOU BACK TO EARTH QUICKLY, LIGHTNING LAD! WITH PROPER MEDICAL TREATMENT, YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT...
STOP... KIDDING ME. I... KNOW I'M... DONE FOR. PLEASE TAKE ME TO OUR CLUBHOUSE. DON'T DENY... MY DYING REQUEST...
SOON, ON EARTH...
}GASP!?... YOU'RE WONDERING HOW I LEARNED YOUR SECRET, AREN'T YOU? -- YOU FOOLED ALL THE LEGIONNAIRES... EXCEPT ONE! HE TOLD ME THE TRUTH!
?!- I KNOW IT WASN'T SUPERBOY OR SUPERGIRL, AND I'M SURE I TRICKED ALL THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES! SO WHO WAS IT?
CLUBHOUSE
CAN YOU GUESS, READER?
YOU FORGOT... LEGION MEMBER MON-EL... WHO INHABITS THE PHANTOM ZONE UNTIL WE CAN MAKE... A SERUM WHICH WILL PERMANENTLY RID HIM OF HIS VULNERABILITY TO LEAD POISONING!
YOU'RE -- RIGHT! I FORGOT THAT MON-EL WAS RECENTLY MADE A LEGIONNAIRE!

"SOME TIME AGO, WHILE HOVERING NEAR YOU IN HIS PHANTOM WORLD, THE INVISIBLE MON-EL WITNESSED..."

THAT MESSAGE IN THE TRANSPARENT CAPSULE WHICH JUST LANDED BEFORE THE CLUBHOUSE CONTAINS A WARNING FROM A FRIENDLY RACE ON ANOTHER PLANET!

SUPER-HER CLUBHOUSE

"THE NOTE, WRITTEN IN ENGLISH BY THE ALIENS WHO KNEW OUR LANGUAGE, SHOCKED YOU..."

OUR COMPUTER-MACHINE PREDICTS A LEGIONNAIRE MEMBER WILL DIE SOON WHILE USING HIS, OR HER, SUPER-POWER TO BATTLE AN INVASION OF EARTH BY "ZARYAN THE CONQUEROR"! OUR MACHINE CAN'T REVEAL WHICH LEGIONNAIRE WILL DIE! THE TRYLOP COUNCIL OF PLANET MERNL

"NEXT, MON-EL SAW..."

SHE'S DESTROYING THE CAPSULE BEFORE THE OTHERS CAN SEE IT! KNOWING THIS HEROIC GIRL AS I DO, I'M SURE SHE'S THOUGHT OF SOME SCHEME TO PROTECT HER FELLOW LEGIONNAIRES!

"AFTER YOU WON THE ELECTION FOR OUR NEW CLUB LEADER..."

SO THAT'S WHY SHE USED HER POWER OF SUPER THOUGHT-CASTING TO MAKE THEM ELECT HER THEIR LEADER! SHE WANTED TO BE THE LEADER SO SHE COULD ORDER THE OTHERS TO WEAR SPECTRIUM MEDALLIONS, AND I THINK I KNOW WHY!

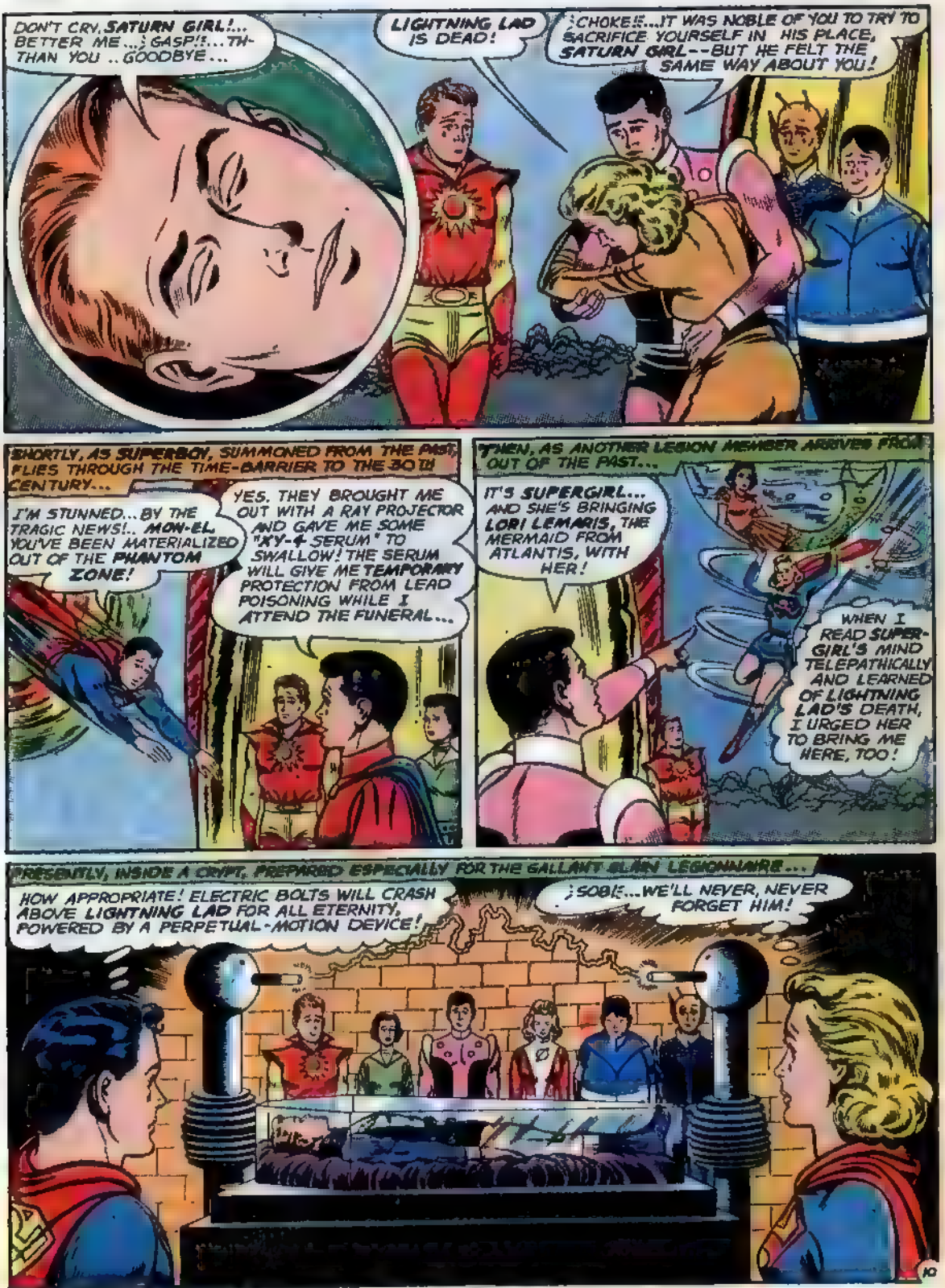
"WHEN MON-EL SAW YOU 'GROUND' US, THEN STEAL OUR SUPER-POWERS..."

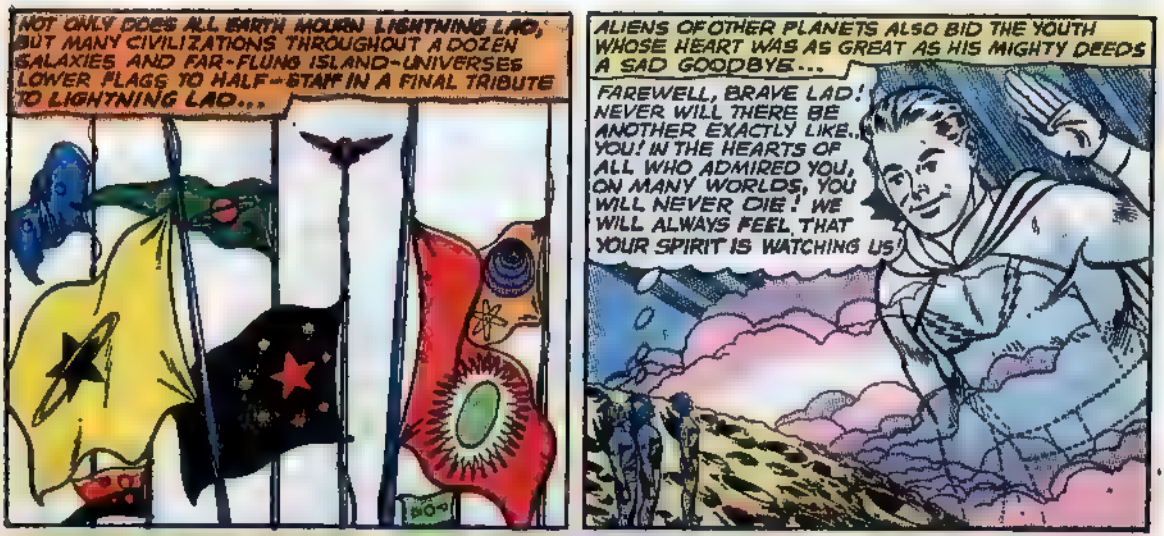
IF SATURN GIRL IS THE ONLY MEMBER TO USE THE LEGIONNAIRES' SUPER-POWERS AGAINST ZARYAN, THEN ONLY SHE CAN BE THE LEGIONNAIRE WHO DIES, THEREBY FULFILLING THE PREDICTION OF THE COMPUTER!...SHE'S GOING TO SACRIFICE HERSELF, TO SAVE HER FRIENDS!

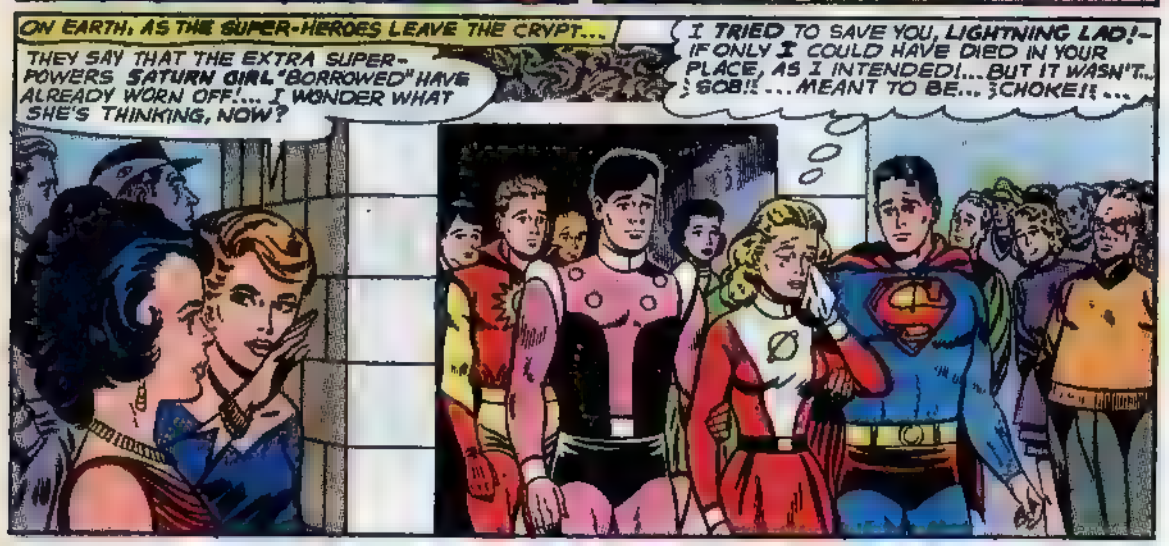
SADLY, SATURN GIRL INTERRUPTS...

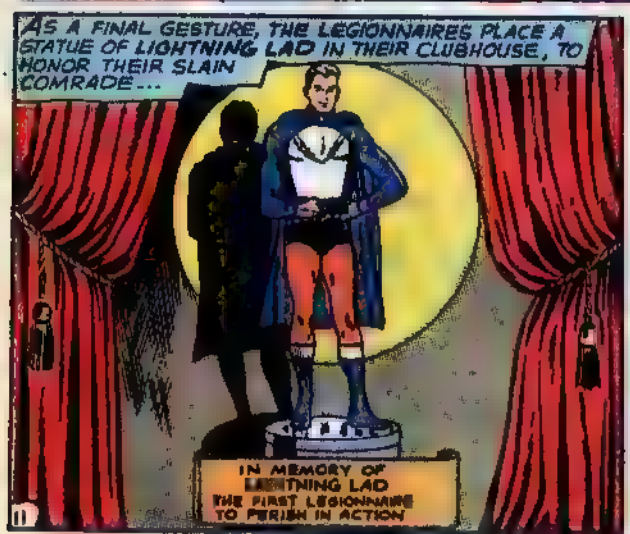
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I PLANNED TO DO! SINCE WE ALL KNOW THAT FATE CAN'T BE CHANGED, I CHOSE TO BE THE ONE TO DIE!- BUT IF MON-EL KNEW...

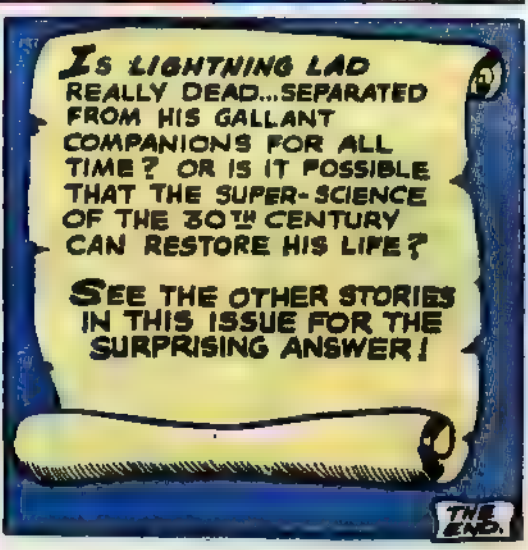
HE WAS UNABLE TO TELL ME YOUR PLAN UNTIL AFTER YOU LEFT EARTH! UNTIL THEN, SUN-SPOT DISTURBANCES PREVENTED HIS TELEPATHIC MESSAGE FROM GETTING THROUGH THE PHANTOM ZONE BARRIER...JUST AS SUNSPOT STATIC HAS RECURRED NOW SO THAT I CAN'T BE SENT INTO THE ZONE...


DON'T CRY, SATURN GIRL!... BETTER ME ...; GASP!?... THAN YOU .. GOODBYE ...
LIGHTNING LAD IS DEAD!
¡CHOKE!?...IT WAS NOBLE OF YOU TO TRY TO SACRIFICE YOURSELF IN HIS PLACE, SATURN GIRL--BUT HE FELT THE SAME WAY ABOUT YOU!
SHORTLY, AS SUPERBOY, SUMMONED FROM THE PAST, FLIES THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER TO THE 30TH CENTURY...
I'M STUNNED... BY THE TRAGIC NEWS!.. MON-EL YOU'VE BEEN MATERIALIZED OUT OF THE PHANTOM ZONE!
YES. THEY BROUGHT ME OUT WITH A RAY PROJECTOR AND GAVE ME SOME "XY-4 SERUM" TO SWALLOW! THE SERUM WILL GIVE ME TEMPORARY PROTECTION FROM LEAD POISONING WHILE I ATTEND THE FUNERAL...
THEN, AS ANOTHER LEGION MEMBER ARRIVES FROM OUT OF THE PAST...
IT'S SUPERGIRL... AND SHE'S BRINGING LORI LEMARIS, THE MERMAID FROM ATLANTIS, WITH HER!
WHEN I READ SUPERGIRL'S MIND TELEPATHICALLY AND LEARNED OF LIGHTNING LAD'S DEATH, I URGED HER TO BRING ME HERE, TOO!
PRESENTLY, INSIDE A CRYPT, PREPARED ESPECIALLY FOR THE GALLANT ELAN LEGIONNAIRE...
HOW APPROPRIATE! ELECTRIC BOLTS WILL CRASH ABOVE LIGHTNING LAD FOR ALL ETERNITY, POWERED BY A PERPETUAL-MOTION DEVICE!
¡SOB!...WE'LL NEVER, NEVER FORGET HIM!


NOT ONLY DOES ALL EARTH MOURN LIGHTNING LAD, BUT MANY CIVILIZATIONS THROUGHOUT A DOZEN GALAXIES AND FAR-FLUNG ISLAND-UNIVERSES LOWER FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF IN A FINAL TRIBUTE TO LIGHTNING LAD...
ALIENS OF OTHER PLANETS ALSO BID THE YOUTH WHOSE HEART WAS AS GREAT AS HIS MIGHTY DEEDS A SAD GOODBYE...
FAREWELL, BRAVE LAD! NEVER WILL THERE BE ANOTHER EXACTLY LIKE YOU! IN THE HEARTS OF ALL WHO ADMIRED YOU, ON MANY WORLDS, YOU WILL NEVER DIE! WE WILL ALWAYS FEEL THAT YOUR SPIRIT IS WATCHING US!


ON EARTH, AS THE SUPER-HEROES LEAVE THE CRYPT...
THEY SAY THAT THE EXTRA SUPER-POWERS SATURN GIRL "BORROWED" HAVE ALREADY WORN OFF!... I WONDER WHAT SHE'S THINKING, NOW?
I TRIED TO SAVE YOU, LIGHTNING LAD!- IF ONLY I COULD HAVE DIED IN YOUR PLACE, AS I INTENDED!... BUT IT WASN'T.. SOB!! ...MEANT TO BE... CHOKE!! ...


AS A FINAL GESTURE, THE LEGIONNAIRES PLACE A STATUE OF LIGHTNING LAD IN THEIR CLUBHOUSE, TO HONOR THEIR SLAIN COMRADE...
IN MEMORY OF LIGHTNING LAD THE FIRST LEGIONNAIRE TO PERISH IN ACTION


IS LIGHTNING LAD REALLY DEAD...SEPARATED FROM HIS GALLANT COMPANIONS FOR ALL TIME? OR IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE SUPER-SCIENCE OF THE 30TH CENTURY CAN RESTORE HIS LIFE?
SEE THE OTHER STORIES IN THIS ISSUE FOR THE SURPRISING ANSWER!
THE END.

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Here are the LUCKY DC FANS whose names were drawn from more than 100,000 boys and girls.

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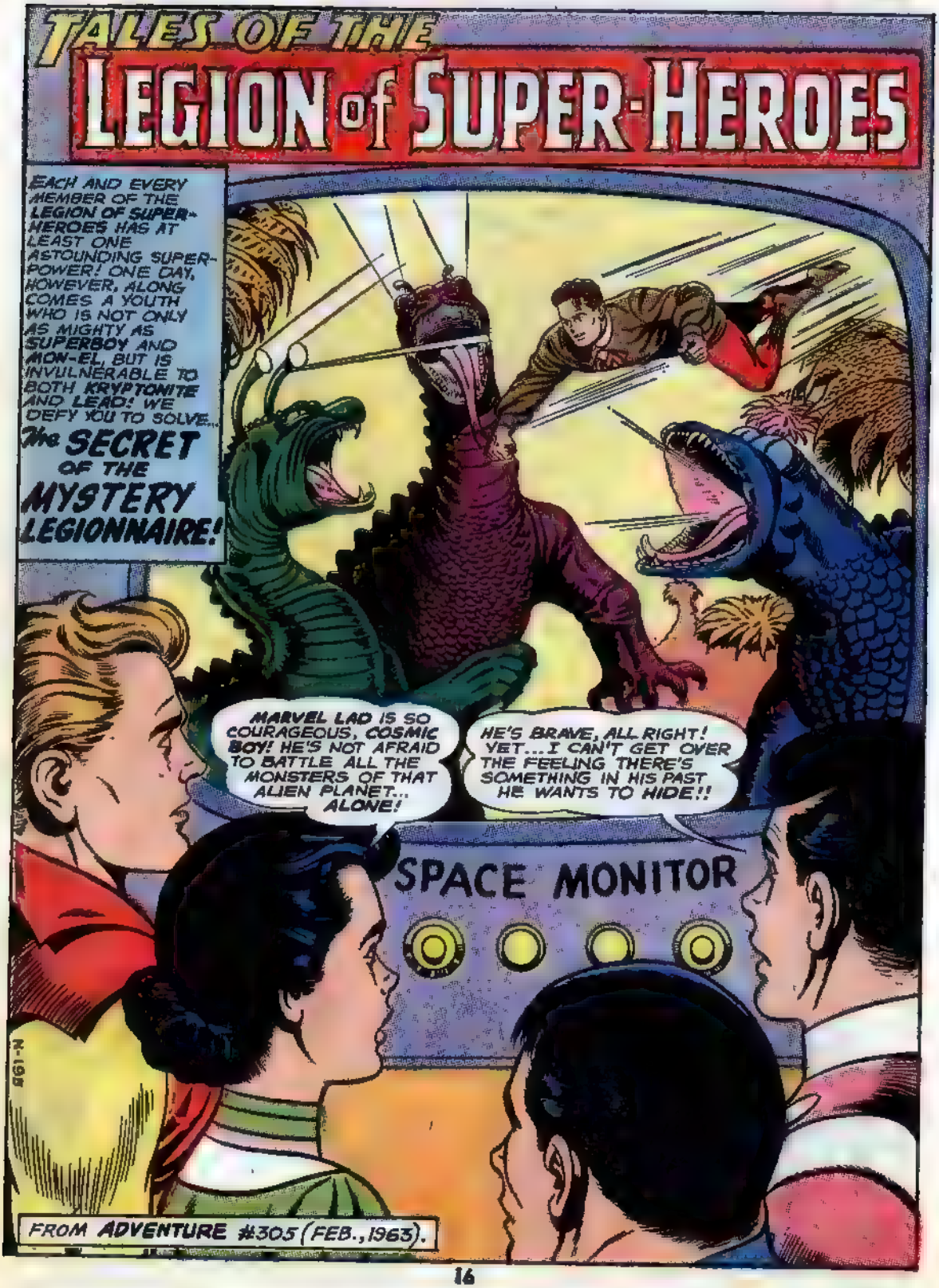
TALES OF THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES


EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES HAS AT LEAST ONE ASTOUNDING SUPER-POWER! ONE DAY, HOWEVER, ALONG COMES A YOUTH WHO IS NOT ONLY AS MIGHTY AS SUPERBOY AND MON-EL, BUT IS INVULNERABLE TO BOTH KRYPTONITE AND LEAD! WE DEFY YOU TO SOLVE... The SECRET OF THE MYSTERY LEGIONNAIRE!
MARVEL LAD IS SO COURAGEOUS, COSMIC BOY! HE'S NOT AFRAID TO BATTLE ALL THE MONSTERS OF THAT ALIEN PLANET... ALONE!
HE'S BRAVE, ALL RIGHT! YET... I CAN'T GET OVER THE FEELING THERE'S SOMETHING IN HIS PAST HE WANTS TO HIDE!!
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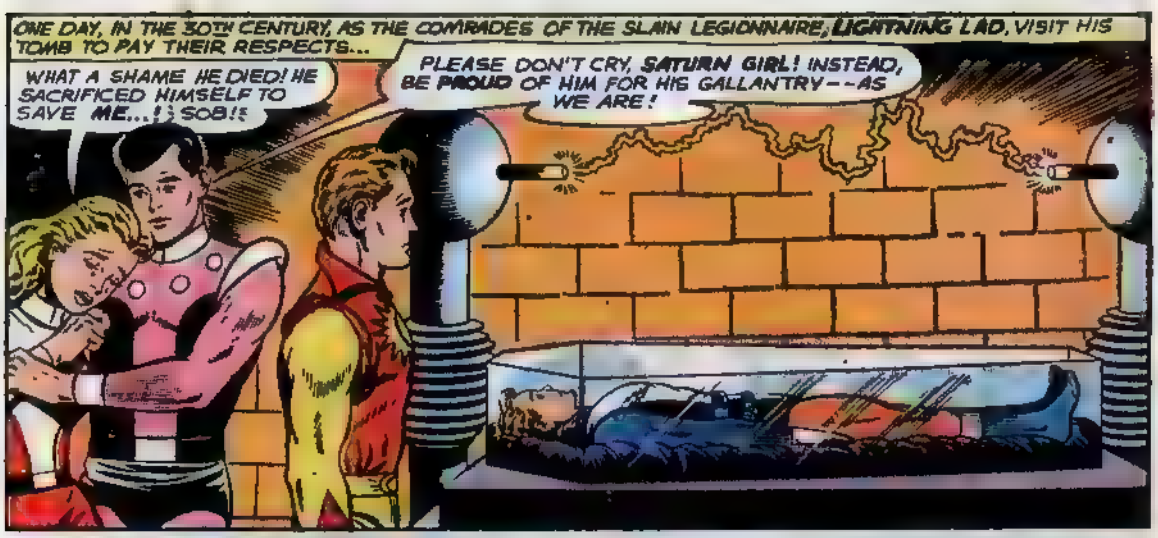
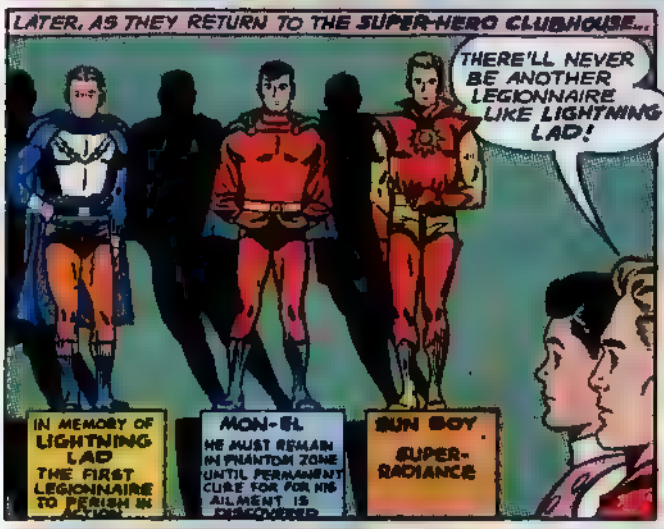
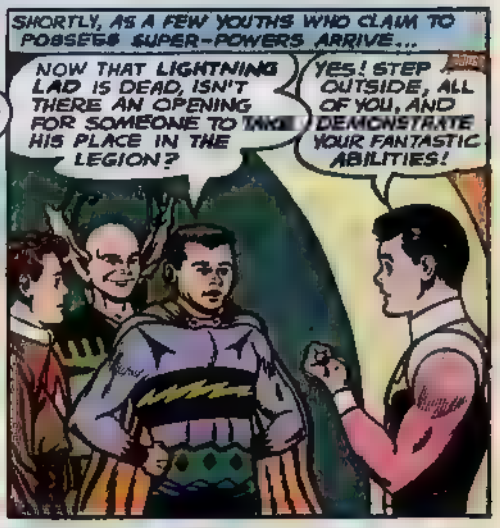
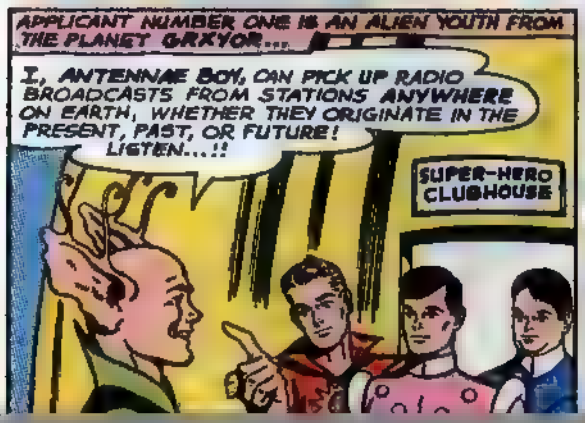
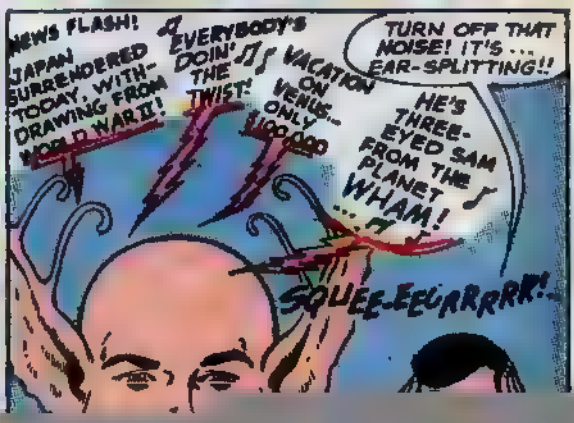

ONE DAY, IN THE 30TH CENTURY, AS THE COMRADES OF THE SLAIN LEGIONNAIRE, LIGHTNING LAD, VISIT HIS TOMB TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS...
WHAT A SHAME HE DIED! HE SACRIFICED HIMSELF TO SAVE ME...!! SOB!!
PLEASE DON'T CRY, SATURN GIRL! INSTEAD, BE PROUD OF HIM FOR HIS GALLANTRY--AS WE ARE!


LATER, AS THEY RETURN TO THE SUPER-HERO CLUBHOUSE...
THERE'LL NEVER BE ANOTHER LEGIONNAIRE LIKE LIGHTNING LAD!
IN MEMORY OF LIGHTNING LAD THE FIRST LEGIONNAIRE TO PERISH IN
MON-EL HE MUST REMAIN IN PHANTOM ZONE UNTIL PERMANENT CURE FOR HIS AILMENT IS
SUN BOY SUPER-RADIANCE

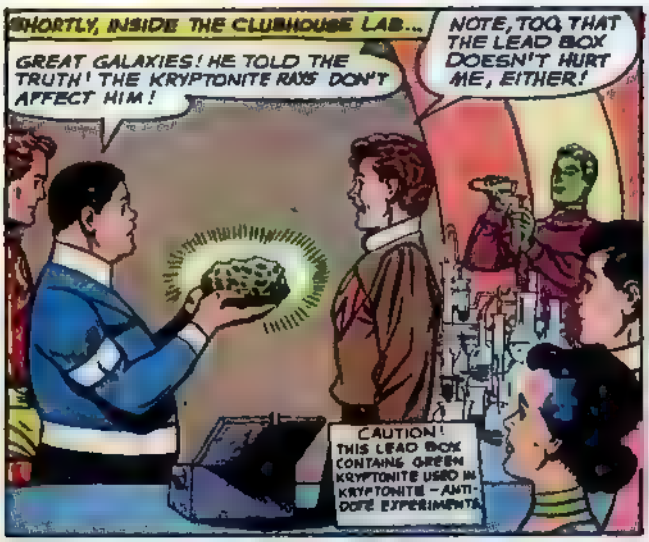

SHORTLY, AS A FEW YOUTHS WHO CLAIM TO POSSESS SUPER-POWERS ARRIVE...
NOW THAT LIGHTNING LAD IS DEAD, ISN'T THERE AN OPENING FOR SOMEONE TO TAKE HIS PLACE IN THE LEGION?
YES! STEP OUTSIDE, ALL OF YOU, AND DEMONSTRATE YOUR FANTASTIC ABILITIES!

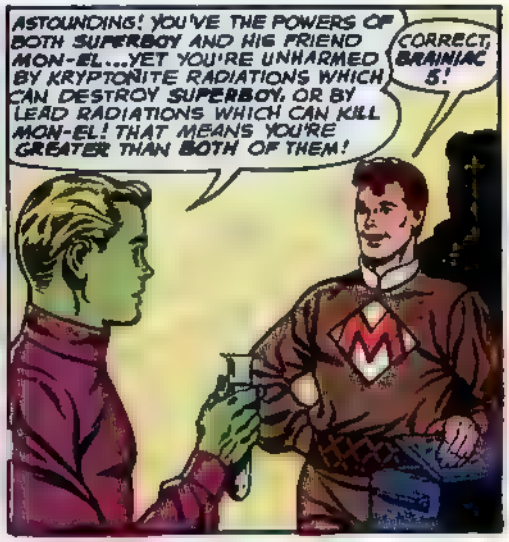

APPLICANT NUMBER ONE IS AN ALIEN YOUTH FROM THE PLANET GRXYOR...
I, ANTENNAE BOY, CAN PICK UP RADIO BROADCASTS FROM STATIONS ANYWHERE ON EARTH, WHETHER THEY ORIGINATE IN THE PRESENT, PAST, OR FUTURE! LISTEN...!!
SUPER-HERO CLUBHOUSE

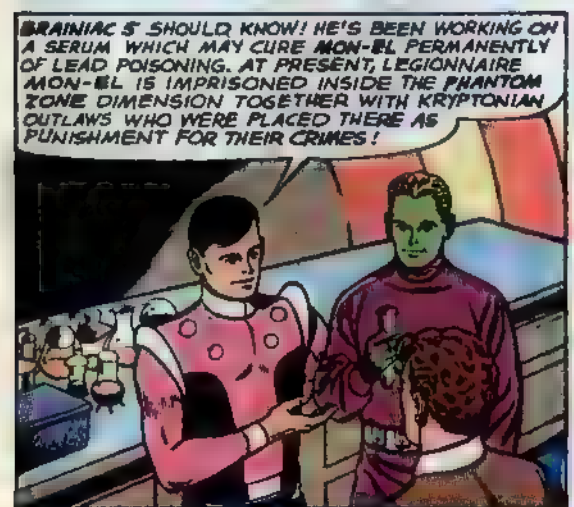

NEWS FLASH! JAPAN SURRENDERED TODAY, WITH-DRAWING FROM WORLD WAR II!
EVERYBODY'S DOIN' THE TWIST!
VACATION ON VENUS... ONLY $1,000,000
TURN OFF THAT NOISE! IT'S ... EAR-SPLITTING!!
HE'S THREE-EYED SAM FROM THE PLANET ...
WHAM!
SQUEE-EEURRRRR!

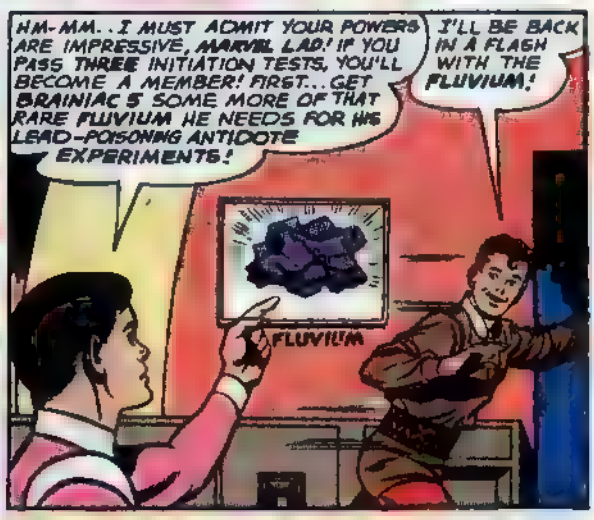
BULLETIN! TRUMAN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF U.S.
COME, JOSEPHINE, IN MY TIME MACHINE
ELIMINATED!—NEXT, PLEASE!
ER...I CAN'T STOP IT! I DON'T KNOW HOW TO CONTROL THIS POWER PERFECTLY!
A CLOAKED YOUTH STEPS FORWARD...
I AM...THE DYNAMO KID! I POSSESS THE POWER OF SUPER-LIGHTNING, JUST AS LIGHTNING LAD DID! SHALL I DEMONSTRATE?
PLEASE DO!
HE'S A HUMAN DYNAMO... ELECTRICITY IS CRACKLING AROUND HIS BODY!
SUPER-HERO CLUBHOUSE
Read the DAILY PLANET-- THE MICROFILM NEWSPAPER THAT BRINGS YOU ALL THE INTERPLANETARY NEWS!
SEE THAT ROCKET-PROPELLED ADVERTISING SIGN OVERHEAD? WATCH THIS!
GREAT RINGS OF SATURN! THE SIGN WAS DESTROYED BY LIGHTNING BOLTS FROM HIS BODY! AMAZING!
HM-MM! I'LL REMOVE A WIRE-CUTTER FROM MY UTILITY-BELT!
OF COURSE! I'M RICH!
GREAT FEAT, DYNAMO KID! YOU'LL PAY THE DAMAGE COSTS FOR THAT SIGN, OF COURSE?
Read THE
ET--
AT
NOW LET'S SEE YOU SHATTER SOMETHING ELSE!
IT'S A CINCH! JUST WATCH, AND I'LL BLAST THAT TREE!
SNIP!
AWP! N-NOTHING'S HAPPENING! I DON'T UNDERSTAND!!
AHA! JUST AS I THOUGHT! THE WIRE I CUT WAS CONNECTED TO A POWERFUL MINIATURE HYPER-BATTERY HIDDEN UNDER YOUR CLOAK! START EXPLAINING, HOAXER!

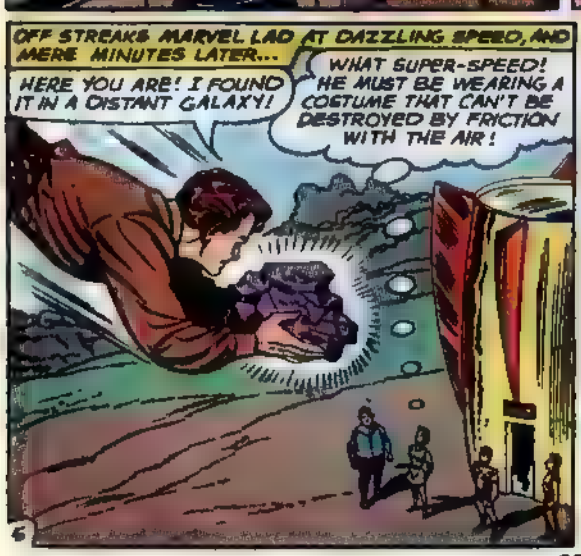
UH--I'M A REPORTER! I WANTED TO WRITE A SCOOP ENTITLED,"I WAS A SUPER-LEGIONNAIRE FOR ONE WEEK"! MY DEVICE'S BEAM EXPLODED A BOMB HIDDEN IN THE SIGN! AND THERE WAS A SIMILAR BOMB HIDDEN IN THAT TREE!
WELL, YOUR BOMBS LAID AN EGG! GET LOST!
NEXT, ANOTHER CANDIDATE...
OH-OH! I MUST LEAVE AT ONCE IN MY SPACE-MOBILE! I'VE RECEIVED A TELEPATHIC DISTRESS CALL FROM ANOTHER WORLD!
WHO ARE YOU, AND WHAT'S YOUR SUPER-POWER?
LEGIONNAIRE LEMON IS THE NAME!
BECAUSE I'M CERTAIN TO BECOME A MEMBER OF YOUR CLUB! SUPER-POWERS? I'VE GOT PLENTY OF 'EM! LOOK AT THIS, FOR EXAMPLE!
WHY ARE YOU CALLING YOURSELF A LEGIONNAIRE, WHEN YOU AREN'T?
GREAT CRATERS OF MARS! HE'S FLYING UNDER HIS OWN POWER...WITHOUT AN ANTI-GRAVITY BELT!*
*SUCH BELTS WERE USED BEFORE BRAINIAC 5 INVENTED THE FLIGHT-RING.
AFTER THE COCKY YOUTH ALIGHTS...
MAKE YOURSELF INTO A GIANT, COLOSSAL BOY, AND I'LL EXHIBIT ANOTHER SUPER-POWER!
OKAY!
WHAT'S HE PLANNING?
MOMENTS LATER...
LEAPING ROCKETS! LEGIONNAIRE LEMON IS SUPPORTING COLOSSAL BOY ON HIS PALM! WHAT FANTASTIC SUPER-STRENGTH!! HMM... NOBODY BUT SUPERBOY COULD BE THAT POWERFUL! I'LL HAVE TO TEST HIM!
NOW YOU KNOW WHY I AM ALSO NAMED MARVEL LAD!
QUICKLY, COSMIC BOY TESTS THE AMAZING YOUTH'S FORM...
THIS METAL-DETECTOR REVEALS YOU AREN'T A ROBOT! HOW DO WE KNOW YOU'RE NOT SUPERBOY IN DISGUISE, COME OUT OF THE PAST TO PLAY A PRANK ON US?
I'LL DISPROVE THAT IMMEDIATELY! I KNOW YOU HAVE A SAMPLE OF KRYPTONITE INSIDE YOUR CLUB-HOUSE. I'LL SHOW YOU IT CAN'T HURT ME!
CLUBHOUSE

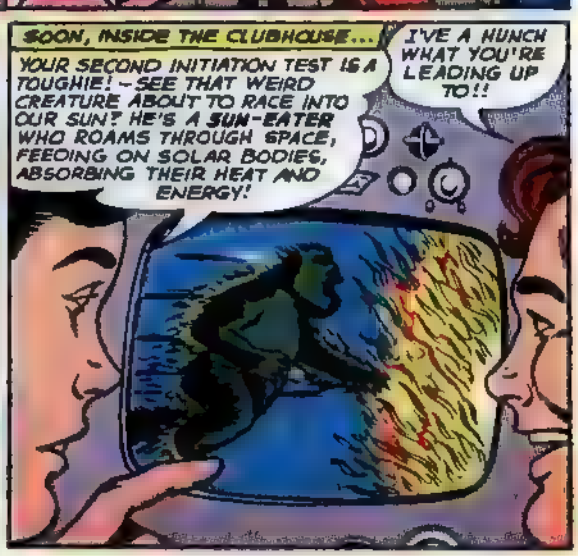

SHORTLY, INSIDE THE CLUBHOUSE LAB...
GREAT GALAXIES! HE TOLD THE TRUTH! THE KRYPTONITE RAYS DON'T AFFECT HIM!
NOTE, TOO, THAT THE LEAD BOX DOESN'T HURT ME, EITHER!
CAUTION! THIS LEAD BOX CONTAINS GREEN KRYPTONITE USED IN KRYPTONITE – ANTIDOTE EXPERIMENTS


ASTOUNDING! YOU'VE THE POWERS OF BOTH SUPERBOY AND HIS FRIEND MON-EL...YET YOU'RE UNHARMED BY KRYPTONITE RADIATIONS WHICH CAN DESTROY SUPERBOY, OR BY LEAD RADIATIONS WHICH CAN KILL MON-EL! THAT MEANS YOU'RE GREATER THAN BOTH OF THEM!
CORRECT, BRAINIAC 5!


BRAINIAC 5 SHOULD KNOW! HE'S BEEN WORKING ON A SERUM WHICH MAY CURE MON-EL PERMANENTLY OF LEAD POISONING. AT PRESENT, LEGIONNAIRE MON-EL IS IMPRISONED INSIDE THE PHANTOM ZONE DIMENSION TOGETHER WITH KRYPTONIAN OUTLAWS WHO WERE PLACED THERE AS PUNISHMENT FOR THEIR CRIMES!


HM-MM..I MUST ADMIT YOUR POWERS ARE IMPRESSIVE, MARVEL LAD! IF YOU PASS THREE INITIATION TESTS, YOU'LL BECOME A MEMBER! FIRST...GET BRAINIAC 5 SOME MORE OF THAT RARE FLUVIUM HE NEEDS FOR HIS LEAD-POISONING ANTIDOTE EXPERIMENTS!
I'LL BE BACK IN A FLASH WITH THE FLUVIUM!
FLUVIUM


OFF STREAKS MARVEL LAD AT DAZZLING SPEED, AND MERE MINUTES LATER...
HERE YOU ARE! I FOUND IT IN A DISTANT GALAXY!
WHAT SUPER-SPEED! HE MUST BE WEARING A COSTUME THAT CAN'T BE DESTROYED BY FRICTION WITH THE AIR!


SOON, INSIDE THE CLUBHOUSE...
YOUR SECOND INITIATION TEST IS A TOUGHIE! – SEE THAT WEIRD CREATURE ABOUT TO RACE INTO OUR SUN? HE'S A SUN-EATER WHO ROAMS THROUGH SPACE, FEEDING ON SOLAR BODIES, ABSORBING THEIR HEAT AND ENERGY!
I'VE A HUNCH WHAT YOU'RE LEADING UP TO!!

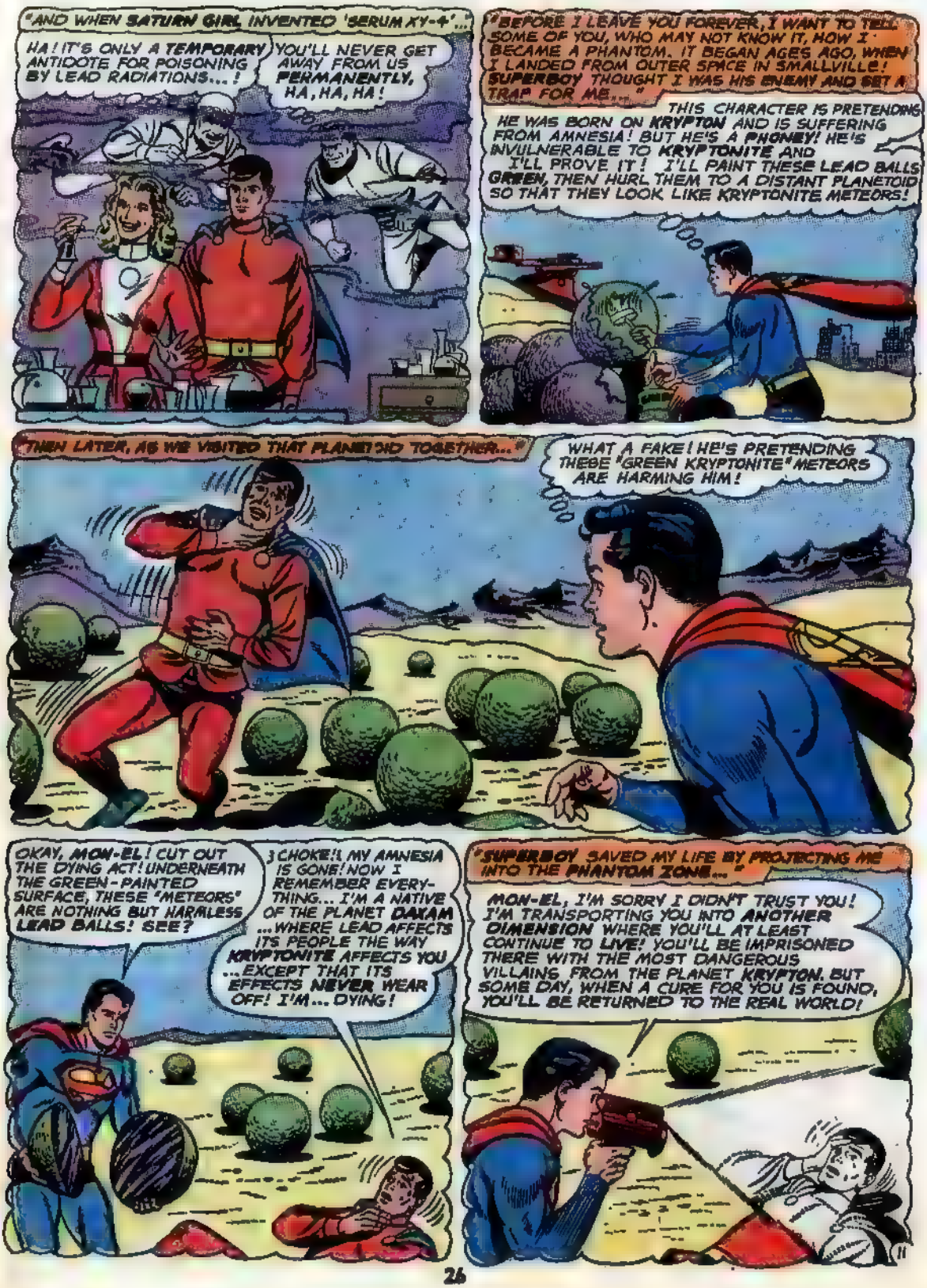
WE LEGIONNAIRES CAN'T PURSUE THE SUN-EATER INTO OUR SUN BECAUSE OF THAT SPHERE'S TREMENDOUS HEAT! UNLIKE US, HOWEVER, YOU ARE INVULNERABLE! WE ASK YOU TO SAVE OUR SUN, IF YOU CAN!
WILL DO!- WATCH!!
SPACE MONITOR
MY X-RAY VISION REVEALS THE CREATURE'S BEGINNING TO CONSUME SOME OF THE SUN'S INTERIOR! WHAT A COSMIC APPETITE!!- I'LL JOIN HIM!
MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE SUPER-HERO CLUBHOUSE, ON EARTH...
OUR SPACE MONITOR REVEALS MARVEL LAD IS INSIDE THE SUN!..OH-OH! THE SUN-EATER'S GRABBED HOLD OF HIM!
THE BOY HASN'T A CHANCE!
DEEP IN THE HEART OF OLD SOL...
NOW YOU'VE GOT ME SIZZLING MAD! JUST FOR THAT, I'LL TURN UP THE POWER OF MY HEAT VISION TO THE NTH DEGREE, AND GIVE YOU A SUPER-HOT FOOT!
INSTANTS AFTERWARD...
HA, HA, HA! LOOK AT HIM GO! SINCE I MADE THINGS TOO HOT FOR HIS TASTE, HE'S SPEEDING OFF IN SEARCH OF A COOLER SUN! I DOUBT IF HE'LL EVER PESTER THIS SOLAR SYSTEM AGAIN!
AS THE COCKY YOUTH RETURNS TO EARTH...
HOW'D I DO? GREAT, EH?
EXCELLENT! MODESTY ISN'T ONE OF YOUR VIRTUES, THOUGH!-FOR THE SECOND TEST, FLY TO THIS PLANET OF WEIRD MONSTERS AND MAKE IT SAFE FOR SPACE PILOTS TO LAND THERE WHEN NECESSARY!
THE PLANET BROGG
SPACE

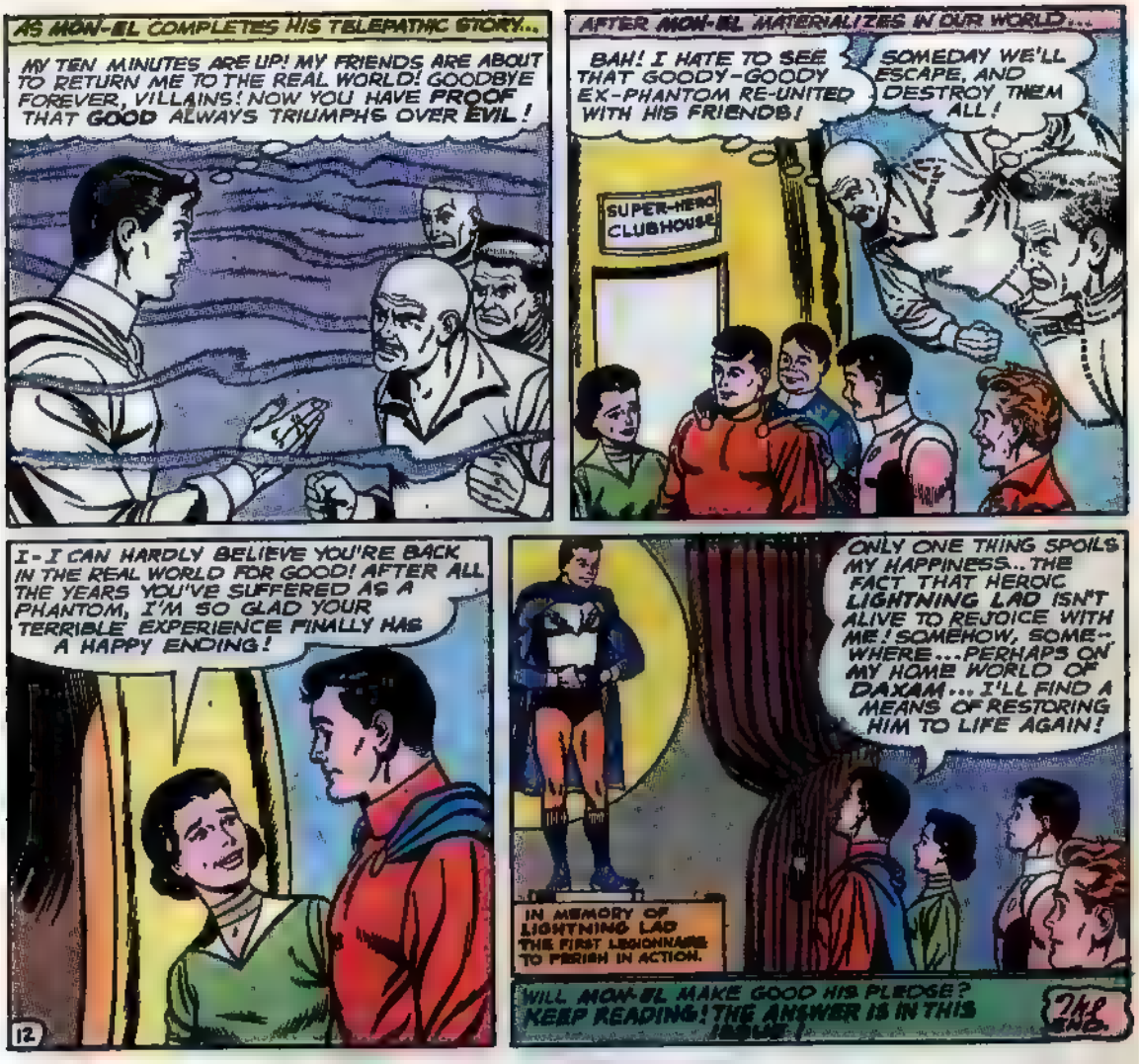
SHORTLY, AS MARVEL LAD NEARS HIS DESTINATION IN A DISTANT GALAXY...
THE LEGIONNAIRES SAID THEY DON'T DARE TACKLE THIS JOB THEMSELVES BECAUSE THE CREATURES' BODIES APPEAR ARMED WITH STRANGE DEFENSE RAYS DEVELOPED BY EVOLUTION!
THEN, AS HE ALIGHTS ON BROGG...
HERE COME THE MONSTERS ON THE RUN! AM I WORRIED?... NO!!
A LITTLE LATER, AS THE INVULNERABLE BOY RETURNS TO OUR PLANET...
DEED ACCOMPLISHED! AS THE MONITOR REVEALS, THE CREATURES AREN'T ON BROGG ANY MORE! CAN I JOIN THE LEGION, NOW?
I'M AFRAID NOT! YOU SEE...
THE PLANET BROGG
SPACE MONITOR
...IT'S AGAINST OUR CODE TO DESTROY LIFE...EVEN MONSTERS! SO...YOU'RE DISQUALIFIED FOR HAVING KILLED THOSE CREATURES! SORRY, FRIEND!
HA, HA, HA! WHO DID ANY KILLING? NOT ME, PAL!
"WHEN I LANDED ON BROGG, MY X-RAY VISION REVEALED SOMETHING TO ME..."
THIS MACHINE IS... A 3-D PROJECTOR! AHA! JUST AS I SUSPECTED! AS I'M SMASHING IT, THE CREATURES ARE... VANISHING! THEY'RE NOTHING BUT THREE-DIMENSIONAL PICTURES!!
MY X-RAY VISION ALSO DISCOVERED TREASURES FROM OTHER WORLDS HIDDEN BENEATH THE PROJECTOR!...MY THEORY IS THAT SPACE PIRATES HID THEIR LOOT HERE, TOGETHER WITH THE PROJECTOR THAT FRIGHTENED OFF SPACE PILOTS WITH 3-D PICTORIAL ILLUSIONS OF MONSTERS! THAT'S HOW THEY PROTECTED THEIR BOOTY!

WELL, ALL YOU'VE GOT TO DO NOW IS NOTIFY THE SPACE POLICE ABOUT THE PIRATES' SCHEME, SO THE POLICE CAN RECOVER THE LOOT!— WELL, AM I "IN"?
ALMOST!!
WHILE YOU'VE BEEN PERFORMING YOUR INITIATION FEATS, WE'VE BEEN TESTING OTHER APPLICANTS, TOO! IF YOU CAN CREATE A NEW ELEMENT WHICH DOESN'T ALREADY EXIST ON EARTH, YOU'LL WIN OUT OVER THE OTHERS!
OKAY! FIRST, BRING ME SOME GOLD ...SILVER... AND IRON!
SECONDS AFTERWARD...
THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ASSISTANCE, CHUMS! FIRST I'LL CRUSH THE METALS SPEEDILY WITH MY BARE HANDS...!
NOW I'M FIRMING THE GRANULES TOGETHER INTO A BLOCK! WATCH WHAT HAPPENS NEXT!!
SWIFTLY, WHILE CONCENTRATING MIGHTILY, I SUPER-RUB THE BLOCK...THUS REARRANGING ITS MOLECULES SO THAT ELEMENT NO.152 IS CREATED, AN ELEMENT WHICH NEVER BEFORE EXISTED ON THIS PLANET! YOU SEE, THE ATOMIC WEIGHT OF GOLD IS 79...SILVER IS 47...AND IRON IS 26! ADD THEM UP TOGETHER—AND THE TOTAL IS 152—A NEW ELEMENT...
LOOK! ELEMENT NO. 152 IS AN ANTI-GRAVITY METAL WHICH... FLOATS! IS IT A BIRD? IS IT A HELIUM-FILLED BALLOON? NO, IT'S ELEMENT NO. 152!!
¡GASP!¡—IT'S... SOARING OUT THROUGH THE WINDOW!!
ULP! IT'S FLYING UP INTO OUTER SPACE!
SUPERB! WELL, YOU'VE PASSED ALL OUR INITIATION TESTS, MARVEL LAD! WE'LL INDUCT YOU INTO OUR CLUB, TOMORROW!... BUT...ER...HOW DID YOU GET YOUR MARVELOUS ABILITIES??
I'LL TELL YOU... TOMORROW! 'BYE, NOW!!

EARLY THE FOLLOWING DAY, AS THE SUPER-HEROES AWAIT MARVEL LAD'S ARRIVAL...
HE'S...LATE! WILL HE SHOW UP AT ALL?
MAYBE NOT! PERHAPS HE'S GOT SOME DARK SECRET IN HIS PAST! COULD THAT BE WHY HE DIDN'T WANT TO TELL US ABOUT HIS ORIGIN?
SUPER-HERO CLUBHOUSE
AND AS TIME DRAGS ON...
I GUESS WE'D BETTER FORGET ABOUT HIM AND CONTINUE WITH OUR REGULAR BUSINESS!
WAIT! HERE HE IS NOW!
SORRY I'M LATE! I VISITED THE PLANET DAXAM LONGER THAN I INTENDED!
DAXAM!... BY THE GREAT RED SPOT OF JUPITER, THAT'S THE HOME PLANET OF SOMEONE WHO ALREADY BELONGS TO THE LEGION! MARVEL LAD, IS IT POSSIBLE YOU'RE ...?
YOU'VE GUESSED IT! OFF WITH MY DISGUISING PLASTIC MASK AND WIG...
IT'S MON-EL!!
I KNEW IT ALL THE TIME, HA, HA! HIS FICTITIOUS NAME, "LEMON," IS MON-EL...SPELLED IN AN ANAGRAM! GET IT?!
YOU'RE RIGHT! BUT WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? I THOUGHT MON-EL COULD ONLY COME OUT OF THE PHANTOM ZONE FOR VERY SHORT PERIODS, LEST HE BECOME DESPERATELY ILL FROM EXPOSURE TO LEAD!
THAT WAS TRUE...UNTIL YESTERDAY. WHEN BRAINIAC 5 SECRETLY RELEASED ME FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE AND GAVE ME AN ANTIDOTE SERUM HE'D PERFECTED!
YOU'D BETTER EXPLAIN EVERYTHING, MON-EL! WE'RE ALL DYING OF CURIOSITY!
"AFTER BRAINIAC 5 GAVE ME THE SERUM..."
UNTIL WE TEST THIS SERUM, WE'D BETTER KEEP SILENT ABOUT THIS EXPERIMENT! IF YOU SUFFER NO POISONING ILL-EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE TO LEAD FOR A FULL DAY, WE'LL KNOW THE SERUM'S A SUCCESS! THEN WE'LL TELL THE OTHERS!
GOOD IDEA!

THIS WAY, WE'LL AVOID RAISING FALSE HOPES AMONG THE OTHERS IF THE SERUM FAILS TO CURE YOU PERMANENTLY, LIKE THE OTHERS WE TRIED! THEY'D BE VERY DISAPPOINTED!
I AGREE WITH YOU. BUT WHILE I'M HERE IN THE MATERIAL WORLD, THOUGH, I'LL HAVE SOME FUN! I'LL DON A UNIFORM AND A PLASTIC MASK AND A WIG, AND APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE LEGION!
AS MON-EL FINISHES HIS TALE...
THE EXPERIMENTAL 24 HOURS ARE UP... AND I FEEL GREAT! SEE— THIS PIECE OF LEAD DOESN'T HURT ME IN THE LEAST! I CAN REMAIN IN THE MATERIAL WORLD PERMANENTLY!
GREAT!
TERRIFIC! I'LL BET YOU NEVER WANT TO SEE THE PHANTOM ZONE AGAIN!
ON THE CONTRARY, I'D LIKE TO RETURN TO THE PHANTOM ZONE RIGHT NOW, JUST FOR TEN MINUTES! GRANT ME THIS REQUEST...
ALL RIGHT!
AS I PRESS THE BLACK BUTTON OF THIS PHANTOM ZONE RAY-PROJECTOR GUN, HE'S BEGINNING TO VANISH!
SECONDS LATER, AS MON-EL MATERIALIZES WITHIN THE TWILIGHT DIMENSION, AND COMMUNICATES TELEPATHICALLY WITH THE OTHER PHANTOMS IMPRISONED THERE...
BLAST YOU! WE SAW WHAT HAPPENED! WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM US?
I'VE COME BACK SO THAT I CAN HAVE THE LAST LAUGH ON YOU OUTLAWS!
FOR CENTURIES, YOU KRYPTONIAN DESPERADOES HAVE BEEN TORMENTING ME BECAUSE I... THE FRIEND OF SUPERBOY WHOM YOU HATE... HAD TO SHARE YOUR LIVING DEATH IN THIS ZONE!
"HOW WELL I REMEMBER YOUR INSULTING TAUNTS..."
HA, HA! HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE TRAPPED HERE WITH UNSAVORY CHARACTERS LIKE US, EH?
SUFFER! NO ONE WILL EVER FIND A WAY TO MAKE YOU INVULNERABLE TO LEAD!
I'LL BE FREED SOME DAY! I KNOW IT!
YOU MEAN, YOU HOPE... HA, HA, HA!


"AND WHEN SATURN GIRL INVENTED 'SERUM XY-4'..."
HA! IT'S ONLY A TEMPORARY ANTIDOTE FOR POISONING BY LEAD RADIATIONS...!
YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY FROM US PERMANENTLY, HA, HA, HA!
"BEFORE I LEAVE YOU FOREVER, I WANT TO TELL SOME OF YOU, WHO MAY NOT KNOW IT, HOW I BECAME A PHANTOM. IT BEGAN AGES AGO, WHEN I LANDED FROM OUTER SPACE IN SMALLVILLE! SUPERBOY THOUGHT I WAS HIS ENEMY AND SET A TRAP FOR ME..."
THIS CHARACTER IS PRETENDING HE WAS BORN ON KRYPTON AND IS SUFFERING FROM AMNESIA! BUT HE'S A PHONEY! HE'S INVULNERABLE TO KRYPTONITE AND I'LL PROVE IT! I'LL PAINT THESE LEAD BALLS GREEN, THEN HURL THEM TO A DISTANT PLANETOID SO THAT THEY LOOK LIKE KRYPTONITE METEORS!
"THEN LATER, AS WE VISITED THAT PLANETOID TOGETHER..."
WHAT A FAKE! HE'S PRETENDING THESE "GREEN KRYPTONITE" METEORS ARE HARMING HIM!
OKAY, MON-EL! CUT OUT THE DYING ACT! UNDERNEATH THE GREEN-PAINTED SURFACE, THESE "METEORS" ARE NOTHING BUT HARMLESS LEAD BALLS! SEE?
}CHOKE!} MY AMNESIA IS GONE! NOW I REMEMBER EVERYTHING... I'M A NATIVE OF THE PLANET DAXAM ...WHERE LEAD AFFECTS ITS PEOPLE THE WAY KRYPTONITE AFFECTS YOU ...EXCEPT THAT ITS EFFECTS NEVER WEAR OFF! I'M... DYING!
"SUPERBOY SAVED MY LIFE BY PROJECTING ME INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE..."
MON-EL, I'M SORRY I DIDN'T TRUST YOU! I'M TRANSPORTING YOU INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION WHERE YOU'LL AT LEAST CONTINUE TO LIVE! YOU'LL BE IMPRISONED THERE WITH THE MOST DANGEROUS VILLAINS FROM THE PLANET KRYPTON. BUT SOME DAY, WHEN A CURE FOR YOU IS FOUND, YOU'LL BE RETURNED TO THE REAL WORLD!


AS MON-EL COMPLETES HIS TELEPATHIC STORY...
MY TEN MINUTES ARE UP! MY FRIENDS ARE ABOUT TO RETURN ME TO THE REAL WORLD! GOODBYE FOREVER, VILLAINS! NOW YOU HAVE PROOF THAT GOOD ALWAYS TRIUMPHS OVER EVIL!
AFTER MON-EL MATERIALIZES IN OUR WORLD...
BAH! I HATE TO SEE THAT GOODY-GOODY EX-PHANTOM RE-UNITED WITH HIS FRIENDS!
SOMEDAY WE'LL ESCAPE, AND DESTROY THEM ALL!
SUPER-HERO CLUBHOUSE
I-I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE YOU'RE BACK IN THE REAL WORLD FOR GOOD! AFTER ALL THE YEARS YOU'VE SUFFERED AS A PHANTOM, I'M SO GLAD YOUR TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE FINALLY HAS A HAPPY ENDING!
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ONLY ONE THING SPOILS MY HAPPINESS..THE FACT THAT HEROIC LIGHTNING LAD ISN'T ALIVE TO REJOICE WITH ME! SOMEHOW, SOMEWHERE...PERHAPS ON MY HOME WORLD OF DAXAM... I'LL FIND A MEANS OF RESTORING HIM TO LIFE AGAIN!
IN MEMORY OF LIGHTNING LAD THE FIRST LEGIONNAIRE TO PERISH IN ACTION.
WILL MON-EL MAKE GOOD HIS PLEDGE? KEEP READING! THE ANSWER IS IN THIS ISSUE!
THE END

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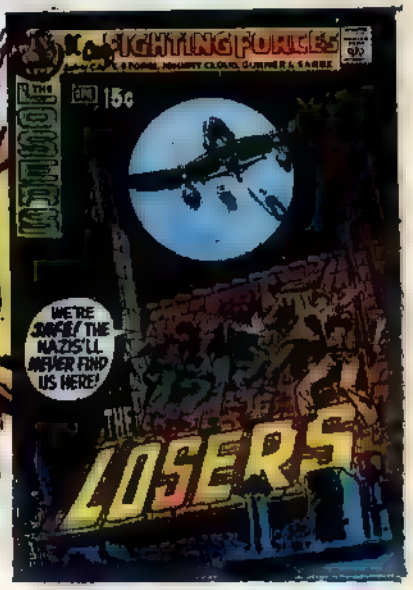

TALES OF THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES

THE MOST TRAGIC CHAPTER IN THE GREAT HISTORY OF THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES WAS THE SELF-SACRIFICIAL DEATH OF LIGHTNING LAD! WISTFULLY, THE LEGIONNAIRES HAVE HOPED THAT SOME DAY THEIR NOBLEST HERO MIGHT BE REVIVED TO LIFE! BUT WHEN THAT FINALLY HAPPENS, THEY FIND THERE IS A HEARTBREAKING MYSTERY AS WELL AS JOY IN... The RETURN OF LIGHTNING LAD!

FROM ADVENTURE #308 (MAY, 1963).

USE YOUR SUPER-POWER OF LIGHTNING TO STUN THAT CHARGING BEAST, LIGHTNING LAD!

THEY DON'T SUSPECT THAT LIGHTNING LAD, EVEN THOUGH HE HAS COME BACK TO LIFE, NO LONGER HAS ANY SUPER-POWER!

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ONE DAY IN THE 30TH CENTURY, OUTSIDE THE CLUBHOUSE OF SUPER-HEROES...

THE OFFICIAL FLAG OF OUR LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES! IT'S OF INDESTRUCTIBLE MATERIAL AND LUMINOUS, SO IT CAN BE SEEN FOR HUNDREDS OF MILES!

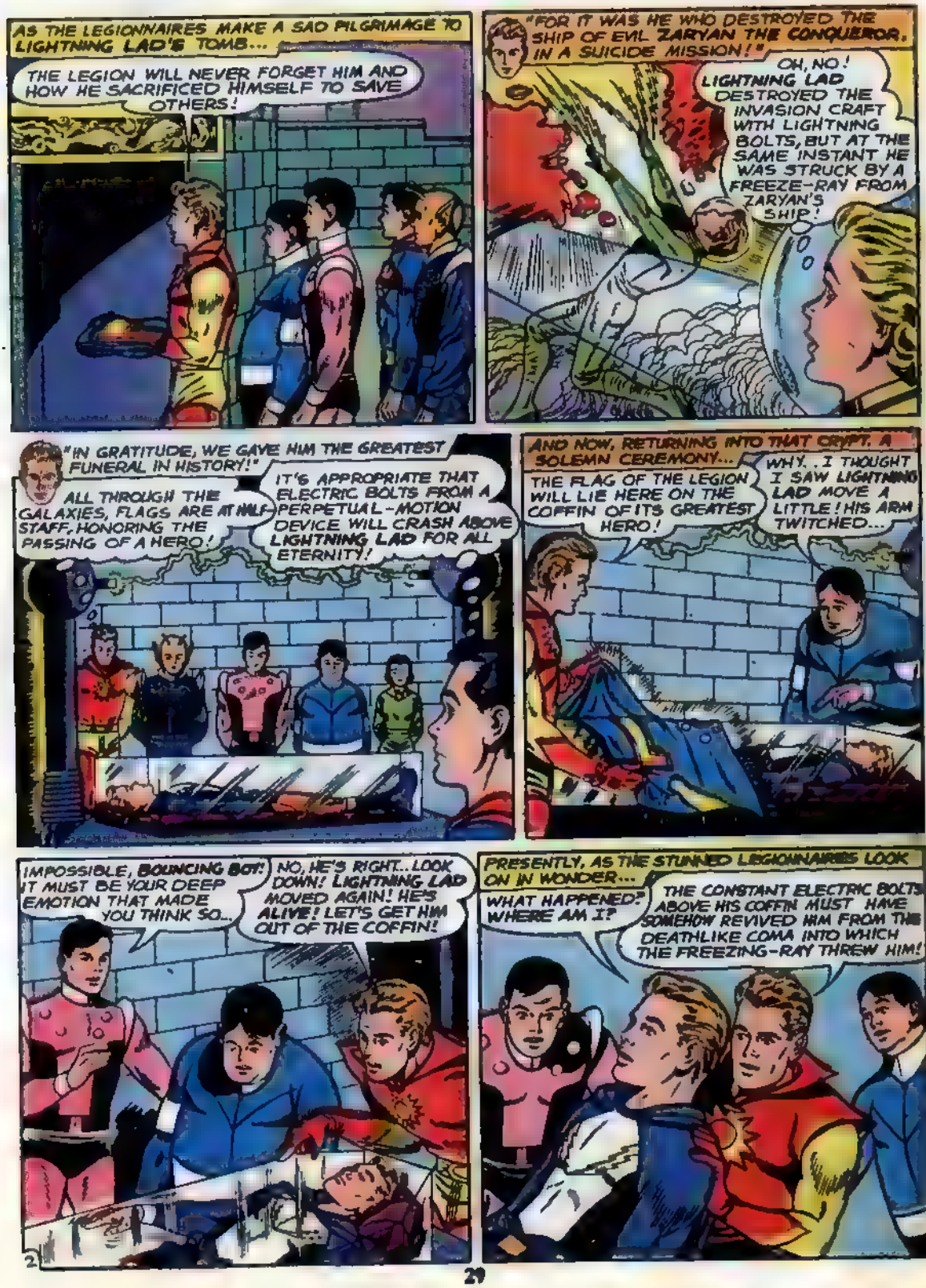
HOW SAD THAT LIGHTNING LAD DIED... ;CHOKE!... BEFORE HE COULD SEE OUR FLAG!

A LITTLE LATER...

MON-EL AND I ARE LEAVING TO INVESTIGATE A WORLD THAT WANTS HELP AGAINST A DESTRUCTIVE SPACE-FUNGUS! BUT YOU WHO STAY... WILL YOU DRAPE ONE OF OUR NEW FLAGS OVER LIGHTNING LAD'S COFFIN AS WE PLANNED?

YES, SATURN GIRL... HE WAS THE FIRST OF THE LEGIONNAIRES TO DIE IN ACTION AND DESERVES THE HONOR!

MON-EL SATURN GIRL BRAINIAC 5 BOUNTING BOY COSMIC BOY SUN


AS THE LEGIONNAIRES MAKE A SAD PILGRIMAGE TO LIGHTNING LAD'S TOMB...
THE LEGION WILL NEVER FORGET HIM AND HOW HE SACRIFICED HIMSELF TO SAVE OTHERS!
"FOR IT WAS HE WHO DESTROYED THE SHIP OF EVIL ZARYAN THE CONQUEROR, IN A SUICIDE MISSION!"
OH, NO! LIGHTNING LAD DESTROYED THE INVASION CRAFT WITH LIGHTNING BOLTS, BUT AT THE SAME INSTANT HE WAS STRUCK BY A FREEZE-RAY FROM ZARYAN'S SHIP!
"IN GRATITUDE, WE GAVE HIM THE GREATEST FUNERAL IN HISTORY!"
ALL THROUGH THE GALAXIES, FLAGS ARE AT HALF-STAFF, HONORING THE PASSING OF A HERO!
IT'S APPROPRIATE THAT ELECTRIC BOLTS FROM A PERPETUAL-MOTION DEVICE WILL CRASH ABOVE LIGHTNING LAD FOR ALL ETERNITY!
AND NOW, RETURNING INTO THAT CRYPT, A SOLEMN CEREMONY...
THE FLAG OF THE LEGION WILL LIE HERE ON THE COFFIN OF ITS GREATEST HERO!
WHY. . I THOUGHT I SAW LIGHTNING LAD MOVE A LITTLE! HIS ARM TWITCHED...
IMPOSSIBLE, BOUNCING BOY! IT MUST BE YOUR DEEP EMOTION THAT MADE YOU THINK SO...
NO, HE'S RIGHT..LOOK DOWN! LIGHTNING LAD MOVED AGAIN! HE'S ALIVE! LET'S GET HIM OUT OF THE COFFIN!
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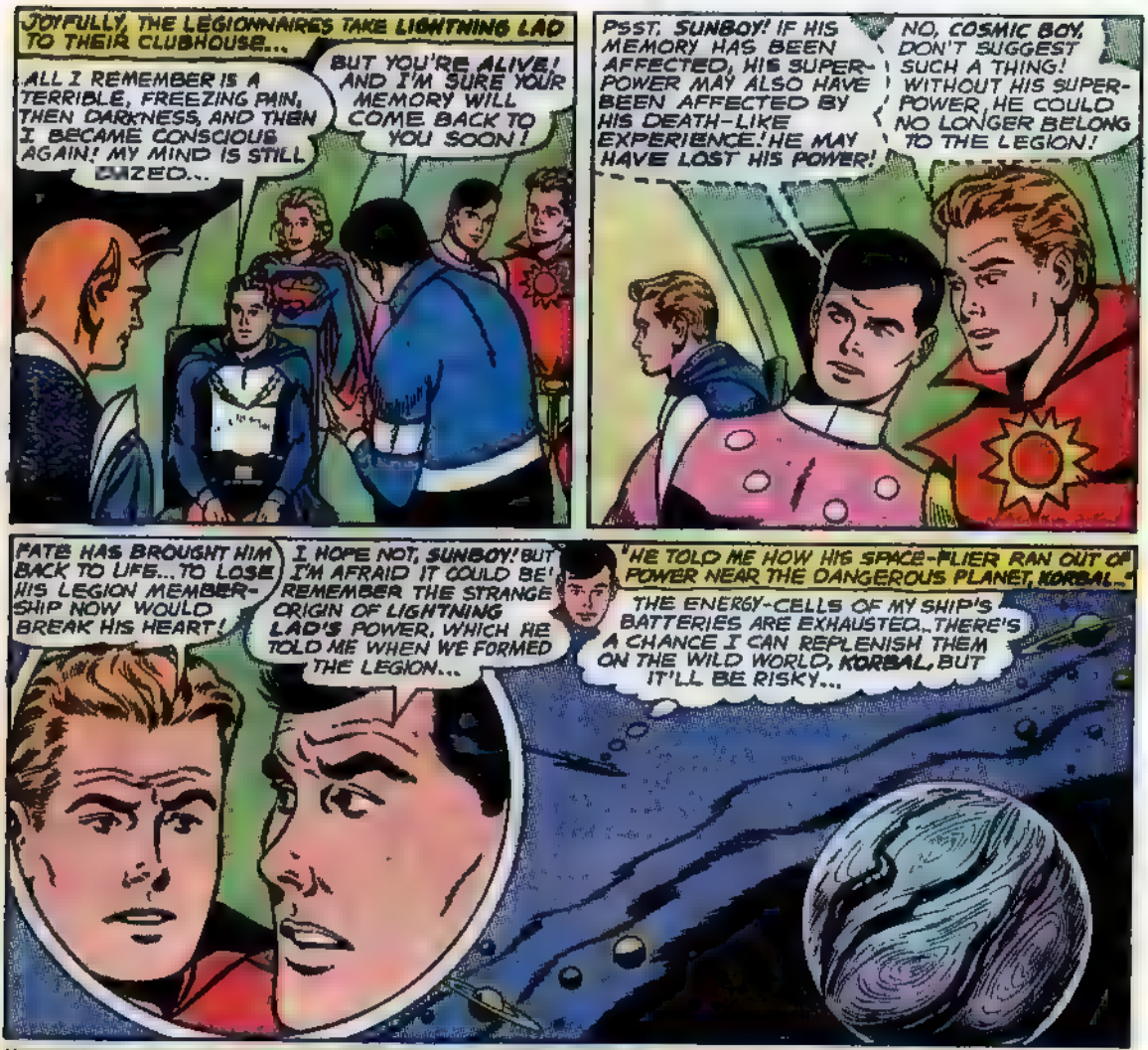
PRESENTLY, AS THE STUNNED LEGIONNAIRES LOOK ON IN WONDER...
WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE AM I?
THE CONSTANT ELECTRIC BOLTS ABOVE HIS COFFIN MUST HAVE SOMEHOW REVIVED HIM FROM THE DEATHLIKE COMA INTO WHICH THE FREEZING-RAY THREW HIM!


JOYFULLY, THE LEGIONNAIRES TAKE LIGHTNING LAD TO THEIR CLUBHOUSE...
ALL I REMEMBER IS A TERRIBLE, FREEZING PAIN, THEN DARKNESS, AND THEN I BECAME CONSCIOUS AGAIN! MY MIND IS STILL DAZED...
BUT YOU'RE ALIVE! AND I'M SURE YOUR MEMORY WILL COME BACK TO YOU SOON!
PSST, SUNBOY! IF HIS MEMORY HAS BEEN AFFECTED, HIS SUPER-POWER MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY HIS DEATH-LIKE EXPERIENCE! HE MAY HAVE LOST HIS POWER!
NO, COSMIC BOY. DON'T SUGGEST SUCH A THING! WITHOUT HIS SUPER-POWER, HE COULD NO LONGER BELONG TO THE LEGION!
FATE HAS BROUGHT HIM BACK TO LIFE...TO LOSE HIS LEGION MEMBER-SHIP NOW WOULD BREAK HIS HEART!
I HOPE NOT, SUNBOY! BUT I'M AFRAID IT COULD BE! REMEMBER THE STRANGE ORIGIN OF LIGHTNING LAD'S POWER, WHICH HE TOLD ME WHEN WE FORMED THE LEGION...
"HE TOLD ME HOW HIS SPACE-FLIER RAN OUT OF POWER NEAR THE DANGEROUS PLANET, KORBAL..."
THE ENERGY-CELLS OF MY SHIP'S BATTERIES ARE EXHAUSTED...THERE'S A CHANCE I CAN REPLENISH THEM ON THE WILD WORLD, KORBAL, BUT IT'LL BE RISKY...
"KORBAL WAS SHUNNED BY SPACEMEN BECAUSE ON IT LIVED A STRANGE FORM OF LIFE...LIGHTNING-MONSTERS!"
THESE LIGHTNING-MONSTERS DISCHARGE POWERFUL ELECTRIC BOLTS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES! IF I CAN TRICK THEM INTO SHOOTING BOLTS AT THE ANTENNA I RIGGED OUTSIDE THE FLIER, IT'LL CHARGE THE ENERGY-CELLS!
"BUT HIS TRICK FAILED, AND THE MONSTERS ALL AROUND HIM DISCHARGED THEIR TERRIFIC BOLTS AT HIM!"
WHAT LUCK! THE BLASTS OF ELECTRIC FORCE, COMING FROM ALL DIRECTIONS, ARE NEUTRALIZING EACH OTHER! INSTEAD OF DESTROYING ME, BY SOME FREAK, THEY'RE CREATING A TERRIFIC FIELD OF ELECTRIC FORCE AROUND ME!
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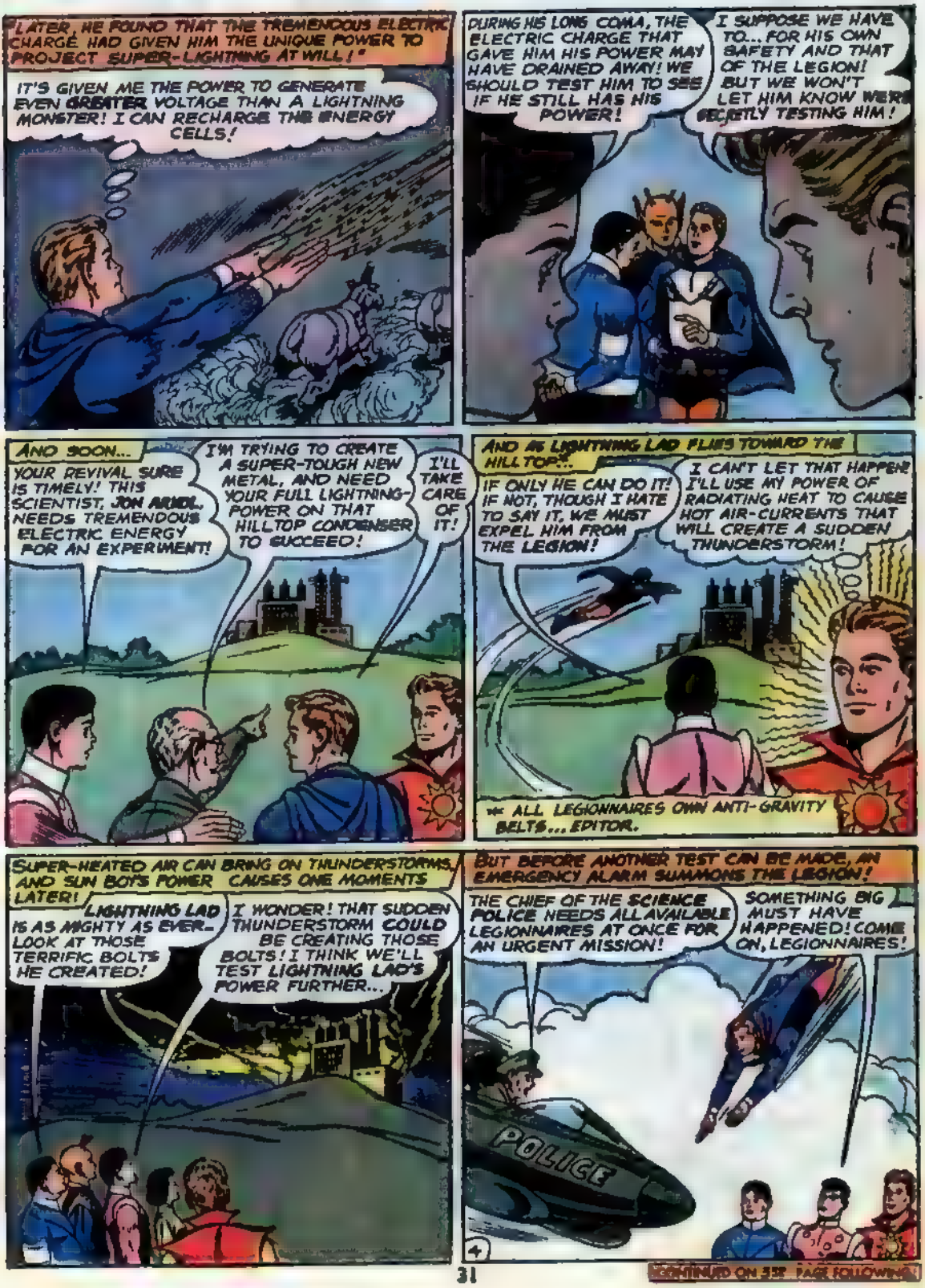
LATER, HE FOUND THAT THE TREMENDOUS ELECTRIC CHARGE HAD GIVEN HIM THE UNIQUE POWER TO PROJECT SUPER-LIGHTNING AT WILL!"
IT'S GIVEN ME THE POWER TO GENERATE EVEN GREATER VOLTAGE THAN A LIGHTNING MONSTER! I CAN RECHARGE THE ENERGY CELLS!
DURING HIS LONG COMA, THE ELECTRIC CHARGE THAT GAVE HIM HIS POWER MAY HAVE DRAINED AWAY! WE SHOULD TEST HIM TO SEE IF HE STILL HAS HIS POWER!
I SUPPOSE WE HAVE TO... FOR HIS OWN SAFETY AND THAT OF THE LEGION! BUT WE WON'T LET HIM KNOW WE'RE SECRETLY TESTING HIM!
AND SOON...
YOUR REVIVAL SURE IS TIMELY! THIS SCIENTIST, JON ARKOL, NEEDS TREMENDOUS ELECTRIC ENERGY FOR AN EXPERIMENT!
I'M TRYING TO CREATE A SUPER-TOUGH NEW METAL, AND NEED YOUR FULL LIGHTNING-POWER ON THAT HILLTOP CONDENSER TO SUCCEED!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT!
AND AS LIGHTNING LAD FLIES TOWARD THE HILLTOP...
IF ONLY HE CAN DO IT! IF NOT, THOUGH I HATE TO SAY IT, WE MUST EXPEL HIM FROM THE LEGION!
I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN! I'LL USE MY POWER OF RADIATING HEAT TO CAUSE HOT AIR-CURRENTS THAT WILL CREATE A SUDDEN THUNDERSTORM!
* ALL LEGIONNAIRES OWN ANTI-GRAVITY BELTS... EDITOR.
SUPER-HEATED AIR CAN BRING ON THUNDERSTORMS, AND SUN BOY'S POWER CAUSES ONE MOMENTS LATER!
LIGHTNING LAD IS AS MIGHTY AS EVER! LOOK AT THOSE TERRIFIC BOLTS HE CREATED!
I WONDER! THAT SUDDEN THUNDERSTORM COULD BE CREATING THOSE BOLTS! I THINK WE'LL TEST LIGHTNING LAD'S POWER FURTHER...
BUT BEFORE ANOTHER TEST CAN BE MADE, AN EMERGENCY ALARM SUMMONS THE LEGION!
THE CHIEF OF THE SCIENCE POLICE NEEDS ALL AVAILABLE LEGIONNAIRES AT ONCE FOR AN URGENT MISSION!
SOMETHING BIG MUST HAVE HAPPENED! COME ON, LEGIONNAIRES!
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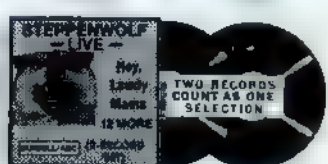

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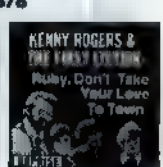

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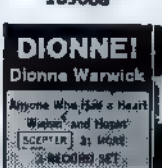

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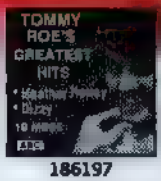

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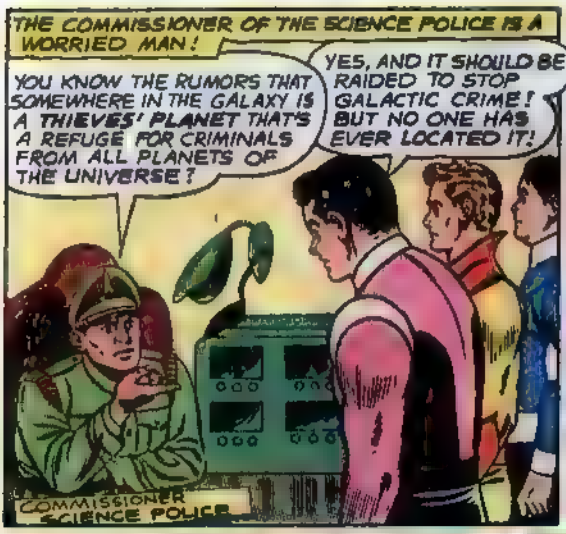
THE COMMISSIONER OF THE SCIENCE POLICE IS A WORRIED MAN!
YOU KNOW THE RUMORS THAT SOMEWHERE IN THE GALAXY IS A THIEVES' PLANET THAT'S A REFUGE FOR CRIMINALS FROM ALL PLANETS OF THE UNIVERSE?
YES, AND IT SHOULD BE RAIDED TO STOP GALACTIC CRIME! BUT NO ONE HAS EVER LOCATED IT!
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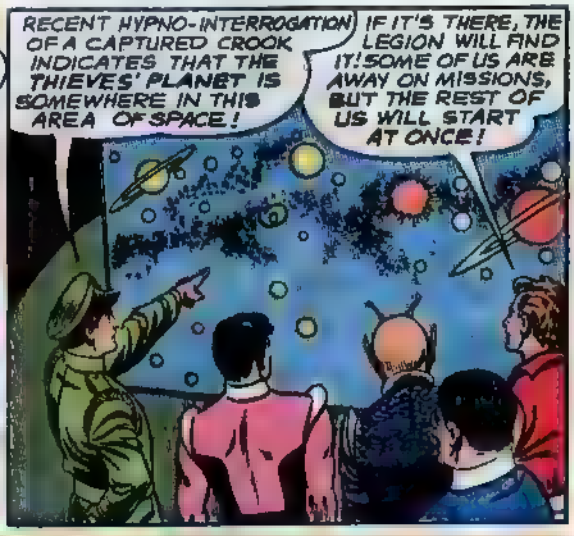
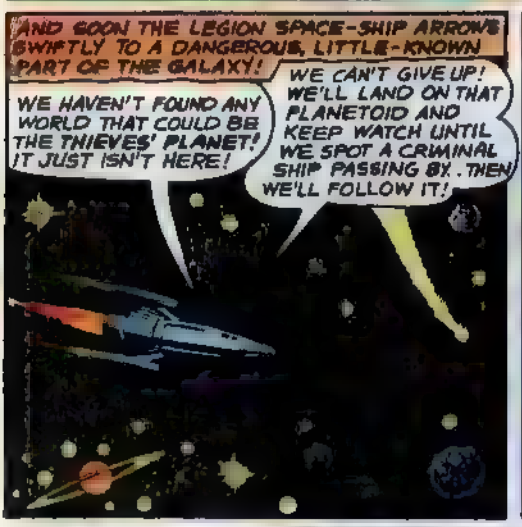
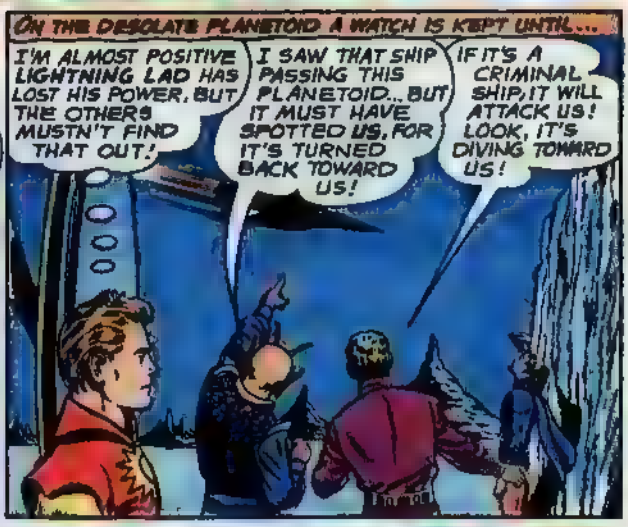
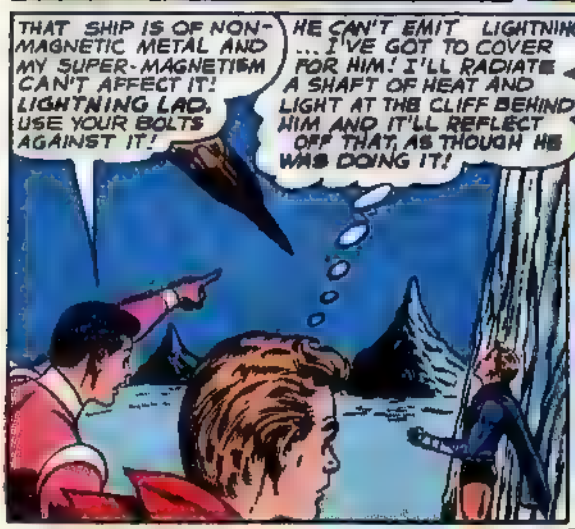
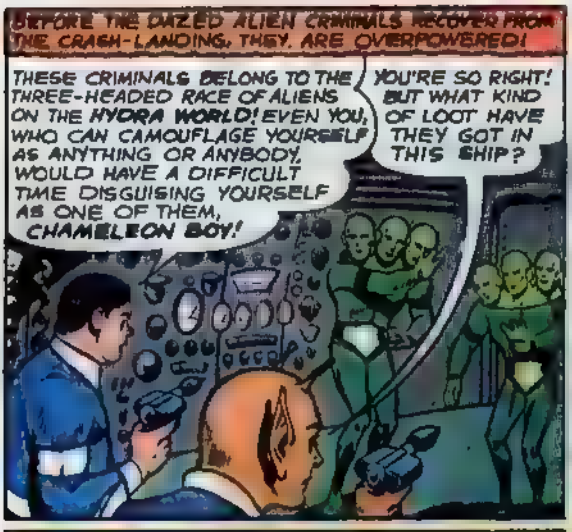

RECENT HYPNO-INTERROGATION OF A CAPTURED CROOK INDICATES THAT THE THIEVES' PLANET IS SOMEWHERE IN THIS AREA OF SPACE!
IF IT'S THERE, THE LEGION WILL FIND IT! SOME OF US ARE AWAY ON MISSIONS, BUT THE REST OF US WILL START AT ONCE!

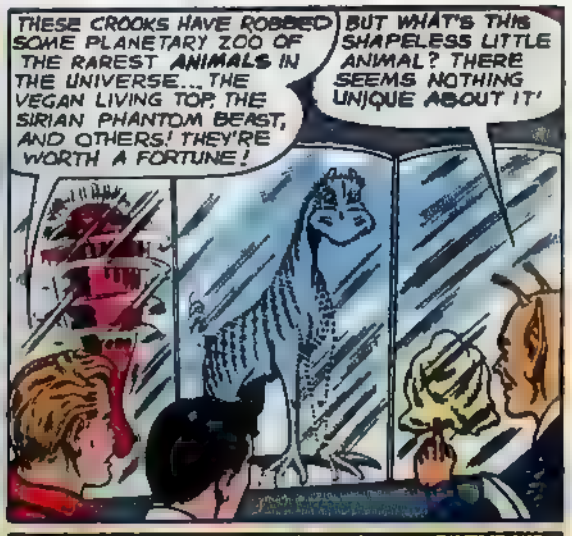

AND SOON THE LEGION SPACE-SHIP ARROWS SWIFTLY TO A DANGEROUS, LITTLE-KNOWN PART OF THE GALAXY!
WE HAVEN'T FOUND ANY WORLD THAT COULD BE THE THIEVES' PLANET! IT JUST ISN'T HERE!
WE CAN'T GIVE UP! WE'LL LAND ON THAT PLANETOID AND KEEP WATCH UNTIL WE SPOT A CRIMINAL SHIP PASSING BY. THEN WE'LL FOLLOW IT!

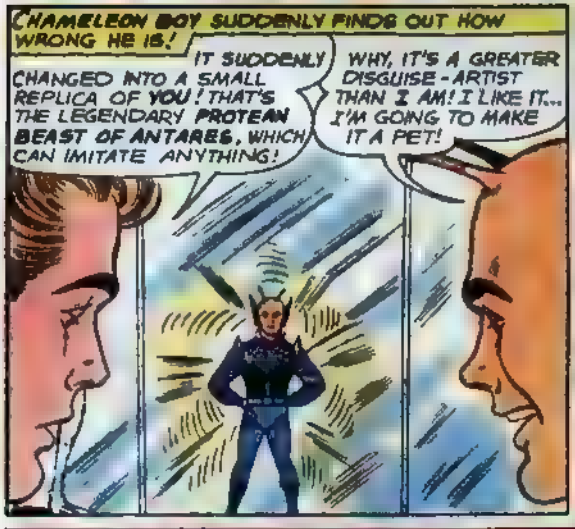

ON THE DESOLATE PLANETOID A WATCH IS KEPT UNTIL...
I'M ALMOST POSITIVE LIGHTNING LAD HAS LOST HIS POWER, BUT THE OTHERS MUSTN'T FIND THAT OUT!
I SAW THAT SHIP PASSING THIS PLANETOID... BUT IT MUST HAVE SPOTTED US, FOR IT'S TURNED BACK TOWARD US!
IF IT'S A CRIMINAL SHIP, IT WILL ATTACK US! LOOK, IT'S DIVING TOWARD US!

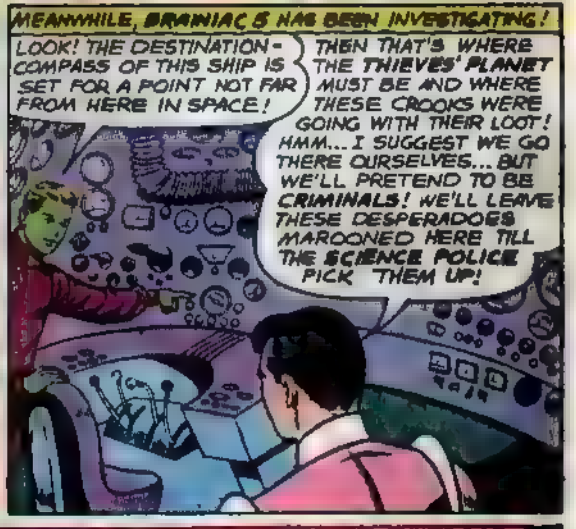

THAT SHIP IS OF NON-MAGNETIC METAL AND MY SUPER-MAGNETISM CAN'T AFFECT IT! LIGHTNING LAD, USE YOUR BOLTS AGAINST IT!
HE CAN'T EMIT LIGHTNING ... I'VE GOT TO COVER FOR HIM! I'LL RADIATE A SHAFT OF HEAT AND LIGHT AT THE CLIFF BEHIND HIM AND IT'LL REFLECT OFF THAT, AS THOUGH HE WAS DOING IT!

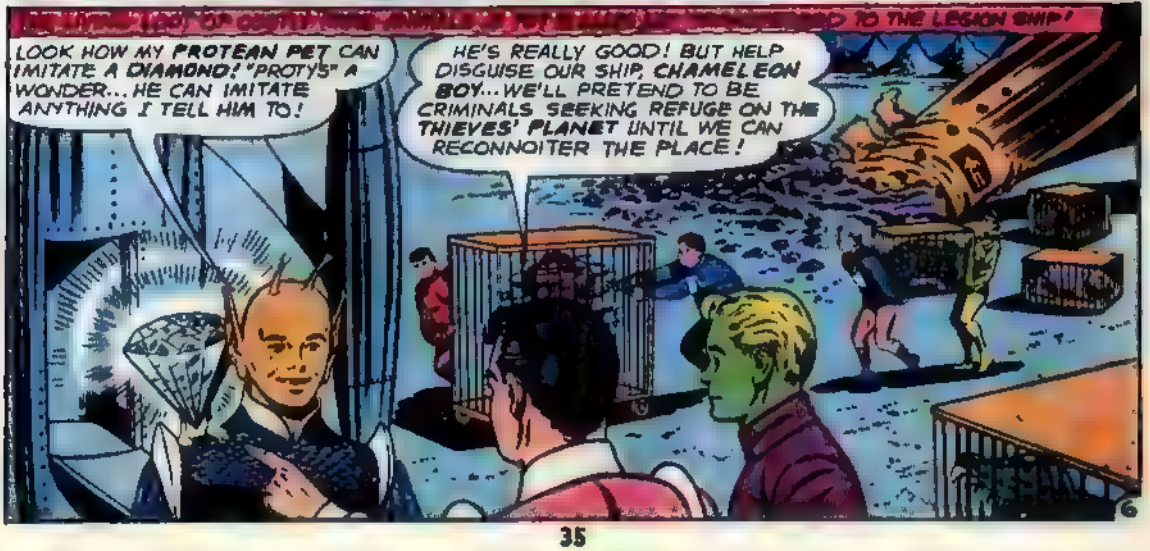
SOON...
GREAT, LIGHTNING LAD! YOUR BOLT KNOCKED IT OUT OF CONTROL. NOW WE CAN CAPTURE THEM WHEN THEY LAND!
HMM... LIGHTNING LAD COULD BE WIELDING LIGHTNING, BUT I'M NOT SURE... THAT SHAFT OF BRILLIANCE LOOKS ODD TO ME!


BEFORE THE DAZED ALIEN CRIMINALS RECOVER FROM THE CRASH-LANDING, THEY ARE OVERPOWERED!
THESE CRIMINALS BELONG TO THE THREE-HEADED RACE OF ALIENS ON THE HYDRA WORLD! EVEN YOU, WHO CAN CAMOUFLAGE YOURSELF AS ANYTHING OR ANYBODY, WOULD HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME DISGUISING YOURSELF AS ONE OF THEM, CHAMELEON BOY!
YOU'RE SO RIGHT! BUT WHAT KIND OF LOOT HAVE THEY GOT IN THIS SHIP?


THESE CROOKS HAVE ROBBED SOME PLANETARY ZOO OF THE RAREST ANIMALS IN THE UNIVERSE... THE VEGAN LIVING TOP, THE SIRIAN PHANTOM BEAST, AND OTHERS! THEY'RE WORTH A FORTUNE!
BUT WHAT'S THIS SHAPELESS LITTLE ANIMAL? THERE SEEMS NOTHING UNIQUE ABOUT IT!


CHAMELEON BOY SUDDENLY FINDS OUT HOW WRONG HE IS!
IT SUDDENLY CHANGED INTO A SMALL REPLICA OF YOU! THAT'S THE LEGENDARY PROTEAN BEAST OF ANTARES, WHICH CAN IMITATE ANYTHING!
WHY, IT'S A GREATER DISGUISE-ARTIST THAN I AM! I LIKE IT... I'M GOING TO MAKE IT A PET!


MEANWHILE, BRAINIAC 5 HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING!
LOOK! THE DESTINATION-COMPASS OF THIS SHIP IS SET FOR A POINT NOT FAR FROM HERE IN SPACE!
THEN THAT'S WHERE THE THIEVES' PLANET MUST BE AND WHERE THESE CROOKS WERE GOING WITH THEIR LOOT! HMM... I SUGGEST WE GO THERE OURSELVES... BUT WE'LL PRETEND TO BE CRIMINALS! WE'LL LEAVE THESE DESPERADOES MAROONED HERE TILL THE SCIENCE POLICE PICK THEM UP!


LOOK HOW MY PROTEAN PET CAN IMITATE A DIAMOND! "PROTY'S" A WONDER... HE CAN IMITATE ANYTHING I TELL HIM TO!
HE'S REALLY GOOD! BUT HELP DISGUISE OUR SHIP, CHAMELEON BOY... WE'LL PRETEND TO BE CRIMINALS SEEKING REFUGE ON THE THIEVES' PLANET UNTIL WE CAN RECONNOITER THE PLACE!

AS THE LEGIONNAIRES SPEED AWAY, THEIR SHIP PAINTED WITH A PIRATE INSIGNIA...
ACCORDING TO THAT DESTINATION-COMPASS, THE THIEVES' PLANET MUST BE NEAR HERE, BUT I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!
NOTHING BUT EMPTY SPACE! THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE... BUT WE HAVE TO KEEP SEARCHING!
THEN, SUDDENLY, AS THEIR SHIP PASSES THROUGH A FORCE-ZONE...
THERE IT IS, RIGHT IN FRONT OF US! BUT WHY COULDN'T WE SEE IT A SECOND AGO?
THERE'S A SHIELD OF INVISIBILITY-FORCE ALL AROUND IT THAT KEEPS IT FROM BEING SEEN UNTIL YOU GO THROUGH IT! NO WONDER THE THIEVES' PLANET WAS NEVER LOCATED! GET READY TO LAND NOW!
AFTER LANDING ON THE MOST DANGEROUS WORLD IN THE GALAXY...
WE'VE GOT TO PLAY THE PART OF "WANTED CRIMINALS" HERE TILL WE FIND OUT WHO CONTROLS THE INVISIBILITY-SHIELD THAT HIDES THIS WORLD FROM THE POLICE! THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT A CROOKS' PARADISE!
RIGHT! IF WE COULD DESTROY ITS SHIELD OF INVISIBILITY, THE THIEVES' PLANET WOULD CEASE TO BE A PERFECT HIDEOUT!
IN THE COLORFUL BAZAAR OF THE THIEVES' PLANET ARE ALIEN CRIMINALS WHO OFFER STRANGE LOOT FOR SALE FROM ALL THE PLANETS...
THESE LOOK LIKE PYRAMID MEN FROM ALTAIR!
WE OFFER FOR SALE THESE "LIVING PAINTINGS" STOLEN FROM THAR... THE FIGURES IN THEM CONSTANTLY MOVE, BECAUSE THEY'RE PAINTED WITH A CHEMICAL THAT'S A LIVING LIQUID!
I BELONG TO THE ANT-RACE OF CANOPUS. WHAT WILL YOU OFFER FOR THIS ELEMENT TREE I STOLE? IT BLOSSOMS WITH LEAVES OF GOLD, SILVER, MAGLIUM, PLATINUM, XERNIUM AND OTHER PRECIOUS ELEMENTS!
ATTENTION! I AM AN AUTOM GUARD! I DO NOT RECOGNIZE YOU STRANGERS. WHO ARE YOU?
WE'RE PIRATES! WE LOOTED DIFFERENT WORLDS OF THEIR RARE ANIMALS, AND HAVE SOUGHT REFUGE HERE!
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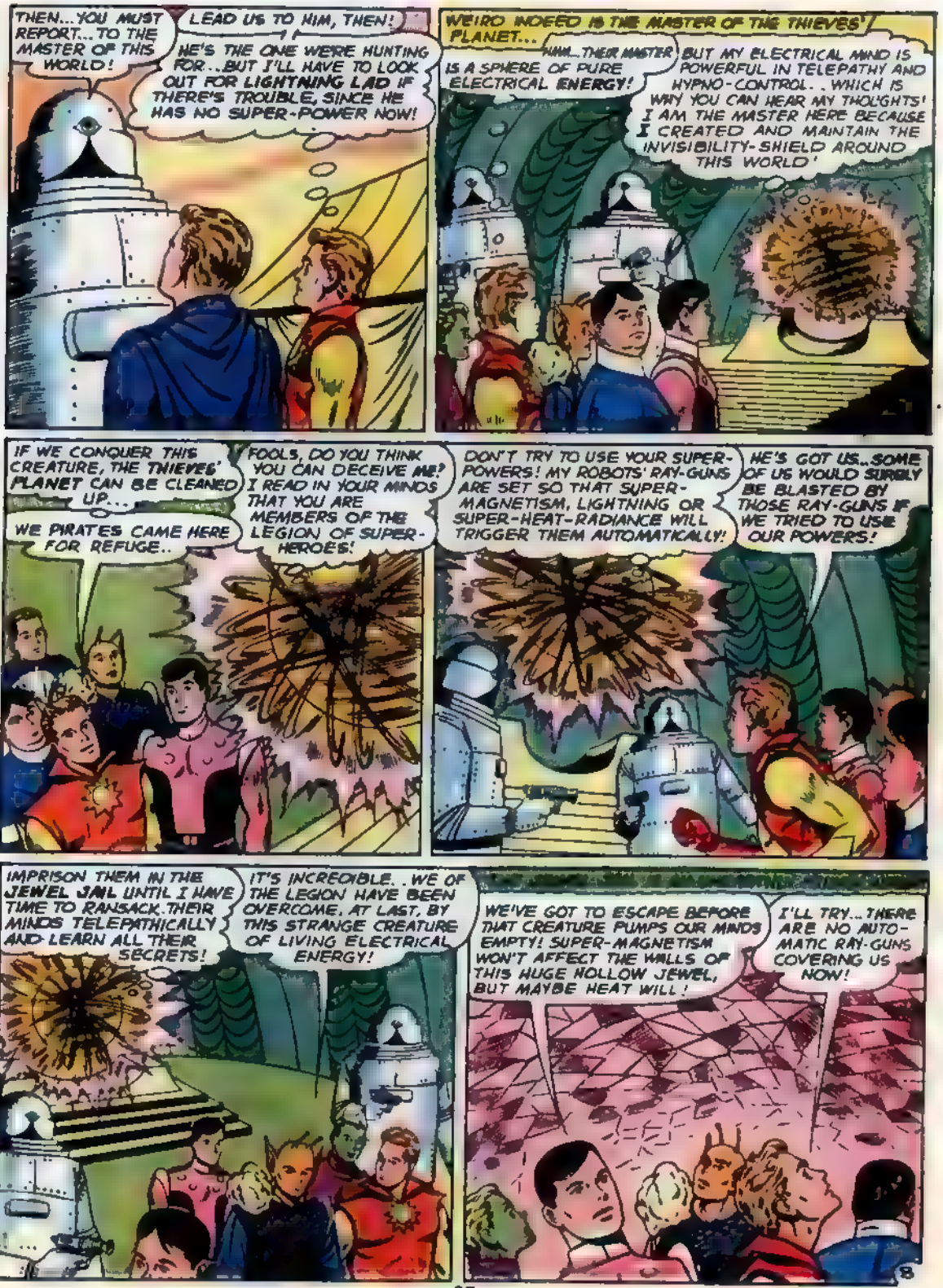
THEN...YOU MUST REPORT...TO THE MASTER OF THIS WORLD!
LEAD US TO HIM, THEN!
HE'S THE ONE WE'RE HUNTING FOR..BUT I'LL HAVE TO LOOK OUT FOR LIGHTNING LAD IF THERE'S TROUBLE, SINCE HE HAS NO SUPER-POWER NOW!
WEIRD INDEED IS THE MASTER OF THE THIEVES' PLANET...
HMM...THEIR MASTER IS A SPHERE OF PURE ELECTRICAL ENERGY!
BUT MY ELECTRICAL MIND IS POWERFUL IN TELEPATHY AND HYPNO-CONTROL..WHICH IS WHY YOU CAN HEAR MY THOUGHTS! I AM THE MASTER HERE BECAUSE I CREATED AND MAINTAIN THE INVISIBILITY-SHIELD AROUND THIS WORLD!
IF WE CONQUER THIS CREATURE, THE THIEVES' PLANET CAN BE CLEANED UP...
WE PIRATES CAME HERE FOR REFUGE..
FOOLS, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DECEIVE ME? I READ IN YOUR MINDS THAT YOU ARE MEMBERS OF THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES!
DON'T TRY TO USE YOUR SUPER-POWERS! MY ROBOTS' RAY-GUNS ARE SET SO THAT SUPER-MAGNETISM, LIGHTNING OR SUPER-HEAT-RADIANCE WILL TRIGGER THEM AUTOMATICALLY!
HE'S GOT US..SOME OF US WOULD SURELY BE BLASTED BY THOSE RAY-GUNS IF WE TRIED TO USE OUR POWERS!
IMPRISON THEM IN THE JEWEL JAIL UNTIL I HAVE TIME TO RANSACK THEIR MINDS TELEPATHICALLY AND LEARN ALL THEIR SECRETS!
IT'S INCREDIBLE..WE OF THE LEGION HAVE BEEN OVERCOME, AT LAST, BY THIS STRANGE CREATURE OF LIVING ELECTRICAL ENERGY!
WE'VE GOT TO ESCAPE BEFORE THAT CREATURE PUMPS OUR MINDS EMPTY! SUPER-MAGNETISM WON'T AFFECT THE WALLS OF THIS HUGE HOLLOW JEWEL, BUT MAYBE HEAT WILL!
I'LL TRY...THERE ARE NO AUTOMATIC RAY-GUNS COVERING US NOW!
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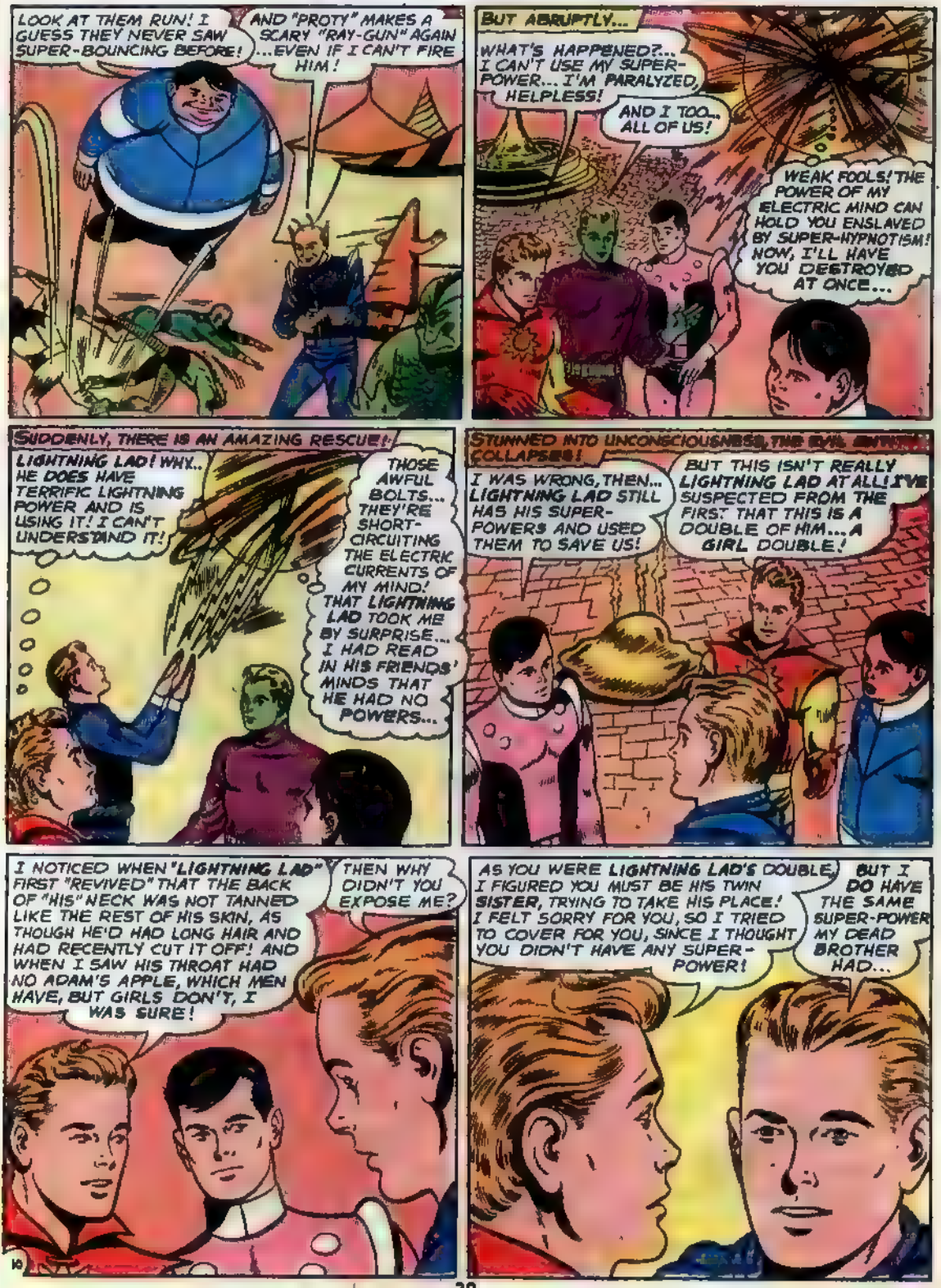
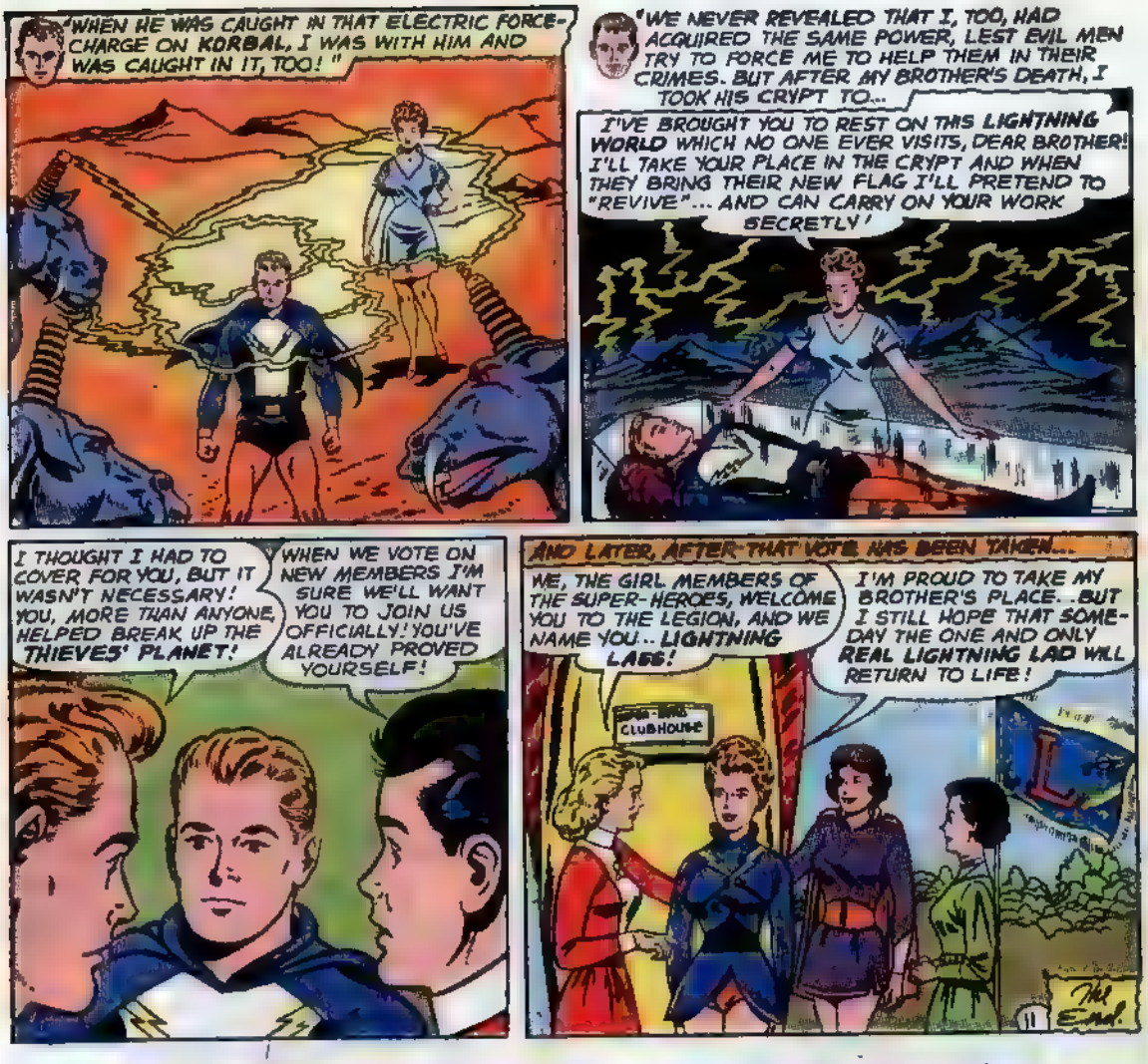
BUT AS SUN BOY UNLOOSES HIS POWER OF RADIANCE...
TURN OFF YOUR HEAT, SUN BOY! IT'S BEING REFLECTED BACK FROM THE JEWEL-WALLS AND WILL BURN US BEFORE THE WALLS MELT!
MAYBE LIGHTNING LAD CAN BLAST A WAY THROUGH THE WALLS WITH HIS BOLTS!
NO, HIS BOLTS WOULD BE REFLECTED BACK ON US, TOO!
PERHAPS SO... BUT I THINK THE REAL REASON YOU OBJECT IS THAT LIGHTNING LAD HAS NO SUPER-POWER NOW, A FACT YOU'VE BEEN HIDING!
FORGET THE ARGUMENT! SOON A GUARD WILL GIVE US FOOD THROUGH THAT SMALL OPENING IN THE DOOR, AND I'VE AN IDEA HOW MY PET, "PROTY", CAN GET US OUT!
LATER, WHEN AN ALIEN GUARD BRINGS FOOD...
OPEN THE DOOR OF THIS PLACE, OR I'LL BLAST!
HOW COULD YOU GET A RAY-GUN? IT'S FANTASTIC... BUT I'LL DO AS YOU SAY!
NEXT MOMENT...
HA, HA! "PROTY," WHO CAN IMITATE ANYTHING, TURNED HIMSELF INTO A FAKE "RAY-GUN" WHEN I GAVE HIM THE IDEA BY THOUGHT!
HE CAME IN HANDY! NOW LET'S USE THAT FAKE GUN TO FOOL THE OTHER GUARDS AND GET OUT OF THIS JAIL!
PRESENTLY, FREE AT LAST TO USE THEIR POWERS, THE LEGIONNAIRES SURGE FORTH UPON THE THIEVES' PLANET!
THEY MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES. I'VE HEARD SOME OF THEM HAVE POWERS OF MAGNETISM AND RADIANT HEAT LIKE THAT!
WE'VE GOT TO FIND AND OVERPOWER THE MASTER! YOU STAY BACK, LIGHTNING LAD...THAT'S AN ORDER!
BUT...


LOOK AT THEM RUN! I GUESS THEY NEVER SAW SUPER-BOUNCING BEFORE!
AND "PROTY" MAKES A SCARY "RAY-GUN" AGAIN ...EVEN IF I CAN'T FIRE HIM!
BUT ABRUPTLY...
WHAT'S HAPPENED?... I CAN'T USE MY SUPER-POWER... I'M PARALYZED, HELPLESS!
AND I TOO... ALL OF US!
WEAK FOOLS! THE POWER OF MY ELECTRIC MIND CAN HOLD YOU ENSLAVED BY SUPER-HYPNOTISM! NOW, I'LL HAVE YOU DESTROYED AT ONCE...
SUDDENLY, THERE IS AN AMAZING RESCUE!
LIGHTNING LAD! WHY.. HE DOES HAVE TERRIFIC LIGHTNING POWER AND IS USING IT! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT!
THOSE AWFUL BOLTS... THEY'RE SHORT-CIRCUITING THE ELECTRIC CURRENTS OF MY MIND! THAT LIGHTNING LAD TOOK ME BY SURPRISE... I HAD READ IN HIS FRIENDS' MINDS THAT HE HAD NO POWERS...
STUNNED INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS, THE EVIL ENTITY COLLAPSES!
I WAS WRONG, THEN... LIGHTNING LAD STILL HAS HIS SUPER-POWERS AND USED THEM TO SAVE US!
BUT THIS ISN'T REALLY LIGHTNING LAD AT ALL! I'VE SUSPECTED FROM THE FIRST THAT THIS IS A DOUBLE OF HIM... A GIRL DOUBLE!
I NOTICED WHEN "LIGHTNING LAD" FIRST "REVIVED" THAT THE BACK OF "HIS" NECK WAS NOT TANNED LIKE THE REST OF HIS SKIN, AS THOUGH HE'D HAD LONG HAIR AND HAD RECENTLY CUT IT OFF! AND WHEN I SAW HIS THROAT HAD NO ADAM'S APPLE, WHICH MEN HAVE, BUT GIRLS DON'T, I WAS SURE!
THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU EXPOSE ME?
AS YOU WERE LIGHTNING LAD'S DOUBLE, I FIGURED YOU MUST BE HIS TWIN SISTER, TRYING TO TAKE HIS PLACE! I FELT SORRY FOR YOU, SO I TRIED TO COVER FOR YOU, SINCE I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANY SUPER-POWER!
BUT I DO HAVE THE SAME SUPER-POWER MY DEAD BROTHER HAD...


"WHEN HE WAS CAUGHT IN THAT ELECTRIC FORCE-CHARGE ON KORBAL, I WAS WITH HIM AND WAS CAUGHT IN IT, TOO!"
"WE NEVER REVEALED THAT I, TOO, HAD ACQUIRED THE SAME POWER, LEST EVIL MEN TRY TO FORCE ME TO HELP THEM IN THEIR CRIMES. BUT AFTER MY BROTHER'S DEATH, I TOOK HIS CRYPT TO...
I'VE BROUGHT YOU TO REST ON THIS LIGHTNING WORLD WHICH NO ONE EVER VISITS, DEAR BROTHER! I'LL TAKE YOUR PLACE IN THE CRYPT AND WHEN THEY BRING THEIR NEW FLAG I'LL PRETEND TO "REVIVE"... AND CAN CARRY ON YOUR WORK SECRETLY!
I THOUGHT I HAD TO COVER FOR YOU, BUT IT WASN'T NECESSARY! YOU, MORE THAN ANYONE, HELPED BREAK UP THE THIEVES' PLANET!
WHEN WE VOTE ON NEW MEMBERS I'M SURE WE'LL WANT YOU TO JOIN US OFFICIALLY! YOU'VE ALREADY PROVED YOURSELF!
AND LATER, AFTER THAT VOTE HAS BEEN TAKEN...
WE, THE GIRL MEMBERS OF THE SUPER-HEROES, WELCOME YOU TO THE LEGION, AND WE NAME YOU.. LIGHTNING LASS!
I'M PROUD TO TAKE MY BROTHER'S PLACE..BUT I STILL HOPE THAT SOME-DAY THE ONE AND ONLY REAL LIGHTNING LAD WILL RETURN TO LIFE!
CLUBHOUSE
The End
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A WORD OF EXPLANATION:

REGULAR READERS OF THE **LEGION** STORIES KNOW THAT THERE WERE **THREE** PERSONS... NOT JUST **TWO**... WHO RECEIVED POWER FROM THE LIGHTNING MONSTERS THAT SAME DAY. THE OTHER WAS **LIGHTNING LORD**, OLDER BROTHER OF **LIGHTNING LAD**. FOR MORE ON THIS, SEE THE MARCH ISSUE OF **SUPERBOY**, FEATURING A **LEGION** STORY ABOUT THE **LEGION** PAIR AND THEIR EVIL BROTHER.

YOU'LL NOTICE THE LIGHTNING MONSTERS LOOK DIFFERENT IN THE **SUPERBOY** ISSUE FROM THE ONES IN THIS TALE. ARTIST GEORGE TUSKA USED THE ORIGINAL ORIGIN STORY OF **LIGHTNING LAD**; WHEN JOHN FORTE DID THIS TALE, HE LACKED THAT REFERENCE AND MADE UP HIS OWN MONSTERS. **LIGHTNING LASS** LATER LOST HER LIGHTNING POWER, BUT GAINED THE ABILITY TO MAKE THINGS SUPER-LIGHTWEIGHT. SHE IS NOW CALLED **LIGHT LASS**. — E.N.B.

HI! I'M SATURN GIRL! EVEN BEFORE I FIRST APPEARED IN THIS NEW OUTFIT, DESIGNED BY K. HAVEN METZGER, COLUMBIA CITY, IND., YOU READERS STARTED SUBMITTING NEW COSTUME DESIGNS FOR THE LEGION! NOW THEY'RE POURING IN! SO HERE'S A SAMPLING OF SOME OF THE BEST...
FASHIONS from FANS
ART BY: ROSS ANDRU & MIKE ESPOSITO
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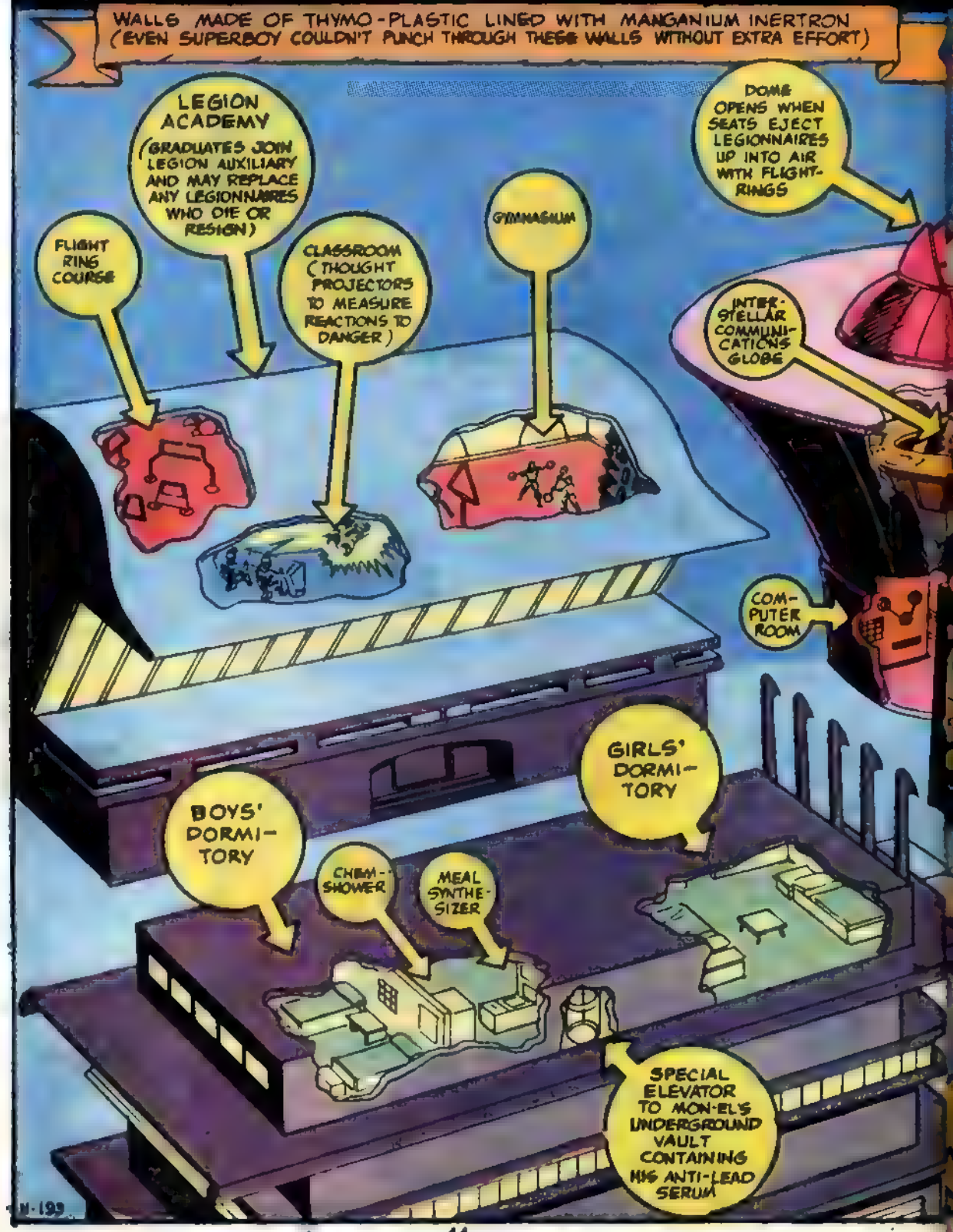
I'M DUO DAMSEL, IN AN ORIGINAL FROM NICK PASCALE, BKLYN, N.Y.
BUT LOOK...WHEN I SPLIT, ONE OF ME WEARS PURPLE...
...WHILE THE OTHER WEARS ORANGE!
PHANTOM GIRL SPOOKING...ER... SPEAKING, IN AN OUTFIT BY PAUL DECKER, OCONOMOWOC, WIS.!
LIGHT LASS HERE... WITH A DESIGN BY DUANE POE, NEWPORT NEWS, VA.!
I'M SHRINKING VIOLET! HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS WAY-OUT COSTUME FROM PAUL R. ROBERTS, MONTEREY, CALIF.?

THIS IS COSMIC BOY, IN A UNIFORM BY KENNETH BRYAN, ELBA, ALA.!
YOU KNOW ME... KARATE KID... IN AN OUTFIT DESIGNED BY CHARLES TYSON, VICTORIA, TEX.!
SOMEONE WHO CALLS HIMSELF "MASTER O", OF NORWICH, CONN., DREAMED UP MY NEW ULTRA BOY OUTFIT!
THIS BACK VIEW SHOWS THE DIVIDED CAPE, ATTACHED TO THE COLLAR AND BELT!
I'M SHADOW LASS IN A FUTURISTIC FASHION BY C. HOWARD, ELBA, ALA.!
FOR ME... PRINCESS PROJECTRA... PAULA MARKHAM, TULSA, OKLA., DEVISED THIS MINISKIRT MODEL, FEATURING A ROYAL CROWN!
I'M LIGHTNING LAD, AND BARBARA JEAN SCOTT, OF SAN ANTONIO, TEX., THOUGHT I SHOULD HAVE A MORE CASUAL UNIFORM!

PAUL DECKER ALSO CAME UP WITH DESIGNS FOR TWO OF US SUBSTITUTE HEROES! WE'RE NIGHT GIRL...
...AND CHLOROPHYLL KID! PAUL GAVE ME AN EXTRA-WIDE BELT WITH POUCHES TO CARRY ALL KINDS OF SEEDS! I HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE 'EM GROW SUPER-FAST, YOU KNOW!
AND WHILE THAT NEW OUTFIT I WORE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FEATURE IS FINE FOR WARM WEATHER, THIS ONE BY BARBARA JEAN SCOTT IS BETTER FOR WINTER WEAR!
AND IF IT GETS TOO HOT, I JUST TAKE OFF THE JACKET!

DIAGRAM OF LEGION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FLIGHT RING COURSE
CLASSROOM (THOUGHT PROJECTORS TO MEASURE REACTIONS TO DANGER)
GYMNASIUM
INTER-STELLAR COMMUNI-CATIONS GLOBE
COM-PUTER ROOM
GIRLS' DORMI-TORY
BOYS' DORMI-TORY
CHEM-SHOWER
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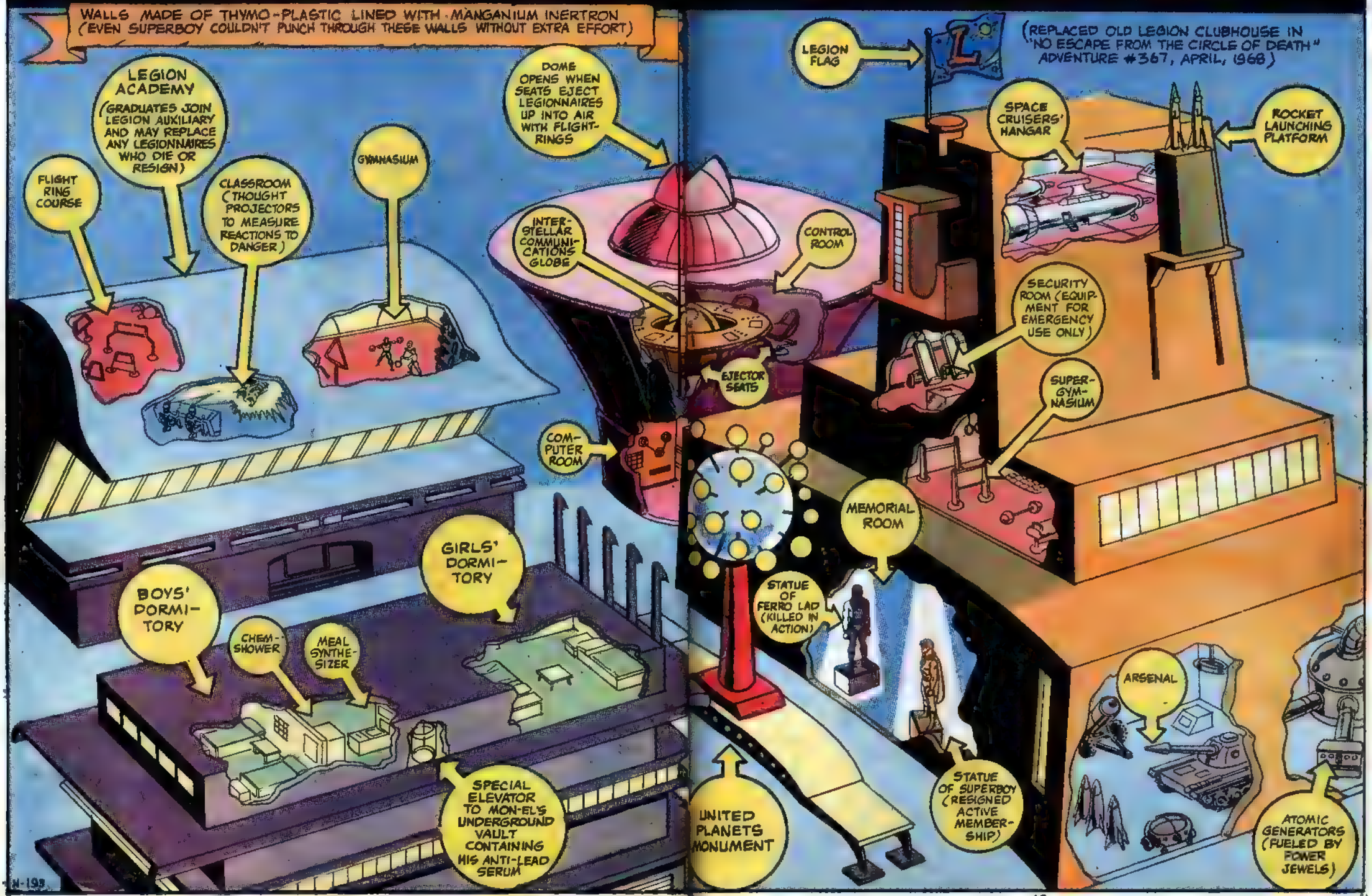
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CLASSROOM (THOUGHT PROJECTORS TO MEASURE REACTIONS TO DANGER)
GYMNASIUM
DOME OPENS WHEN SEATS EJECT LEGIONNAIRES UP INTO AIR WITH FLIGHT-RINGS
INTER-STELLAR COMMUNI-CATIONS GLOBE
CONTROL ROOM
EJECTOR SEATS
COM-PUTER ROOM
BOYS' DORMI-TORY
GIRLS' DORMI-TORY
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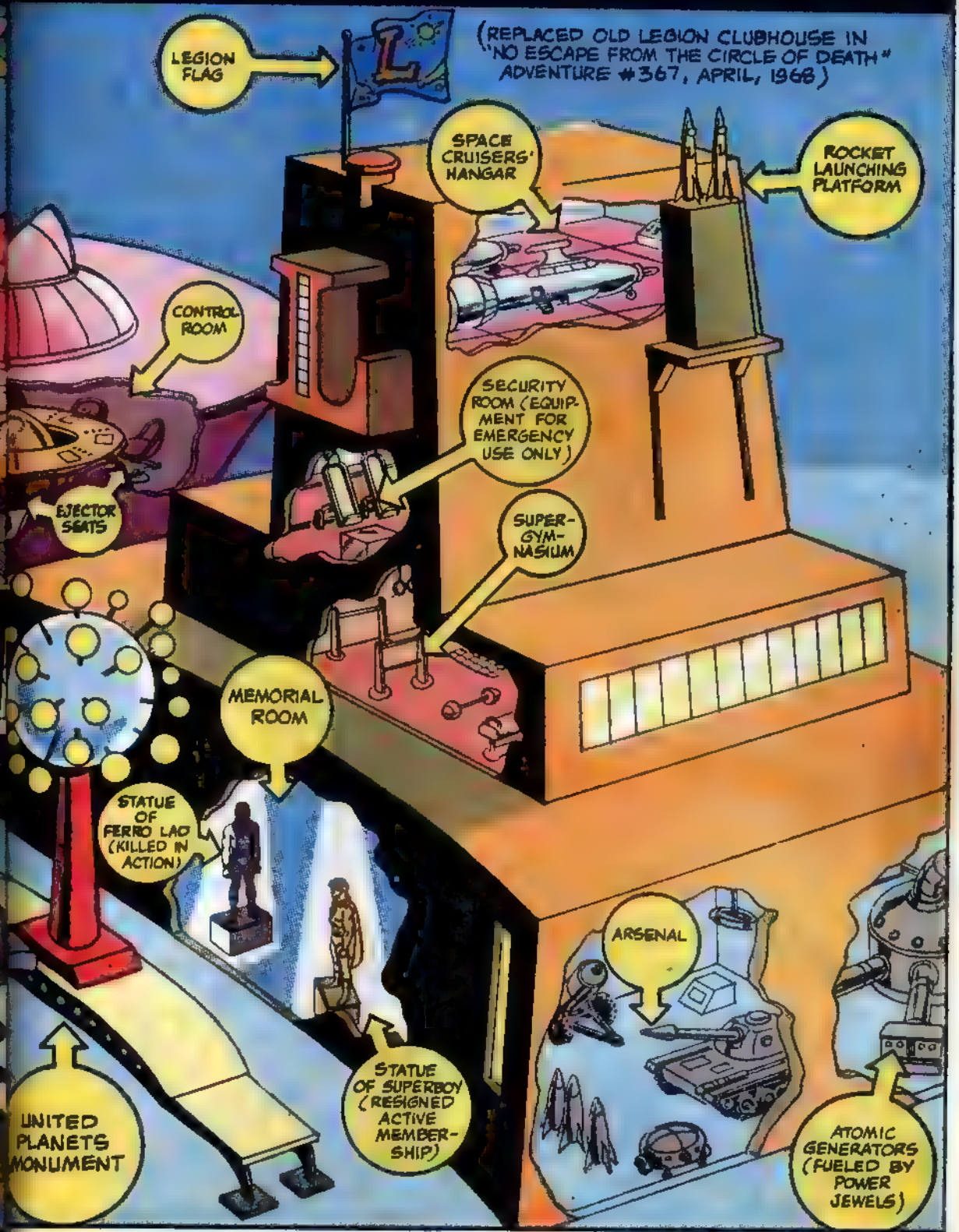
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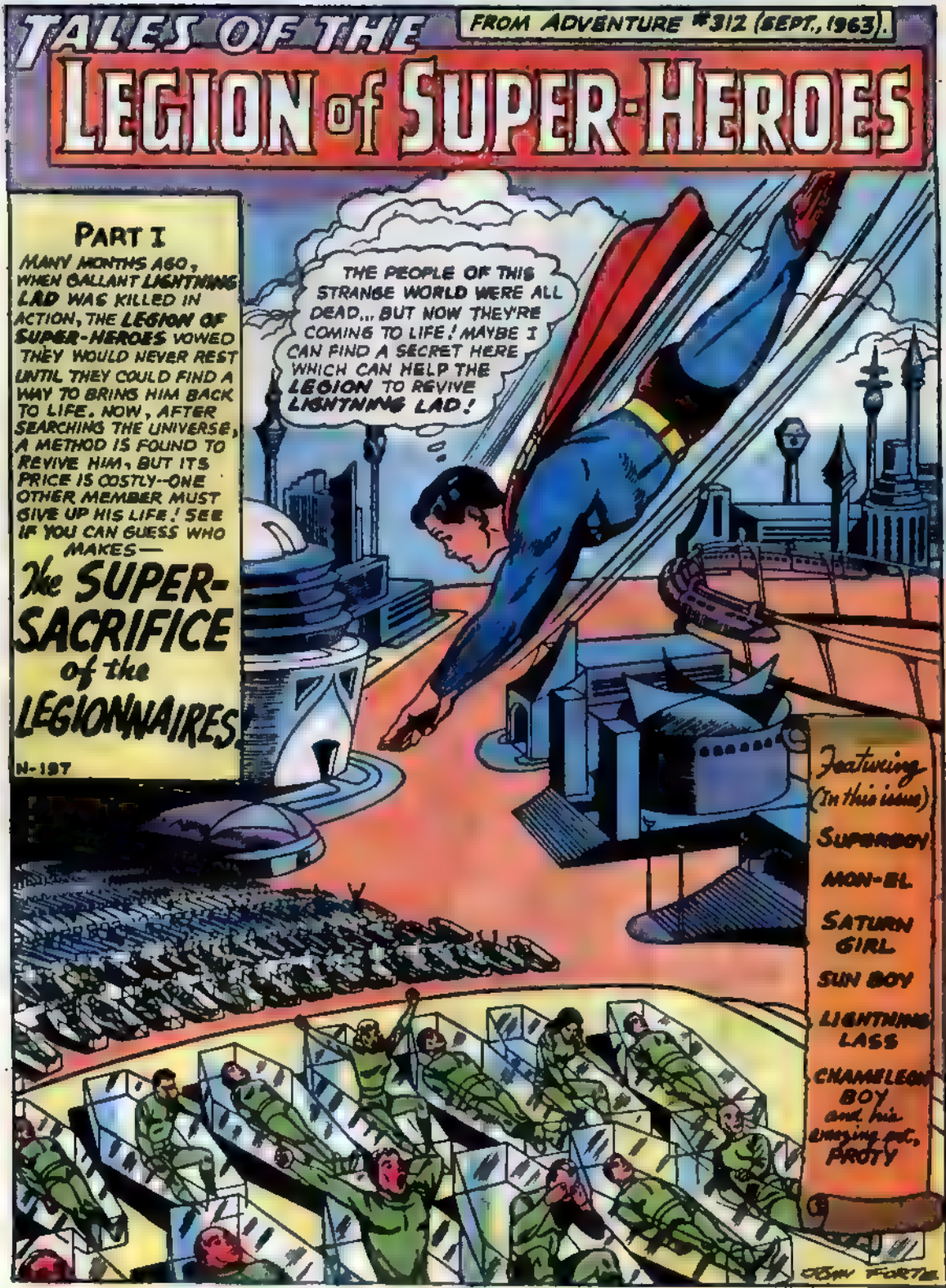
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LEGION of SUPER-HEROES
PART I
MANY MONTHS AGO, WHEN GALLANT LIGHTNING LAD WAS KILLED IN ACTION, THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES VOWED THEY WOULD NEVER REST UNTIL THEY COULD FIND A WAY TO BRING HIM BACK TO LIFE. NOW, AFTER SEARCHING THE UNIVERSE, A METHOD IS FOUND TO REVIVE HIM, BUT ITS PRICE IS COSTLY--ONE OTHER MEMBER MUST GIVE UP HIS LIFE! SEE IF YOU CAN GUESS WHO MAKES—
The SUPER-SACRIFICE of the LEGIONNAIRES
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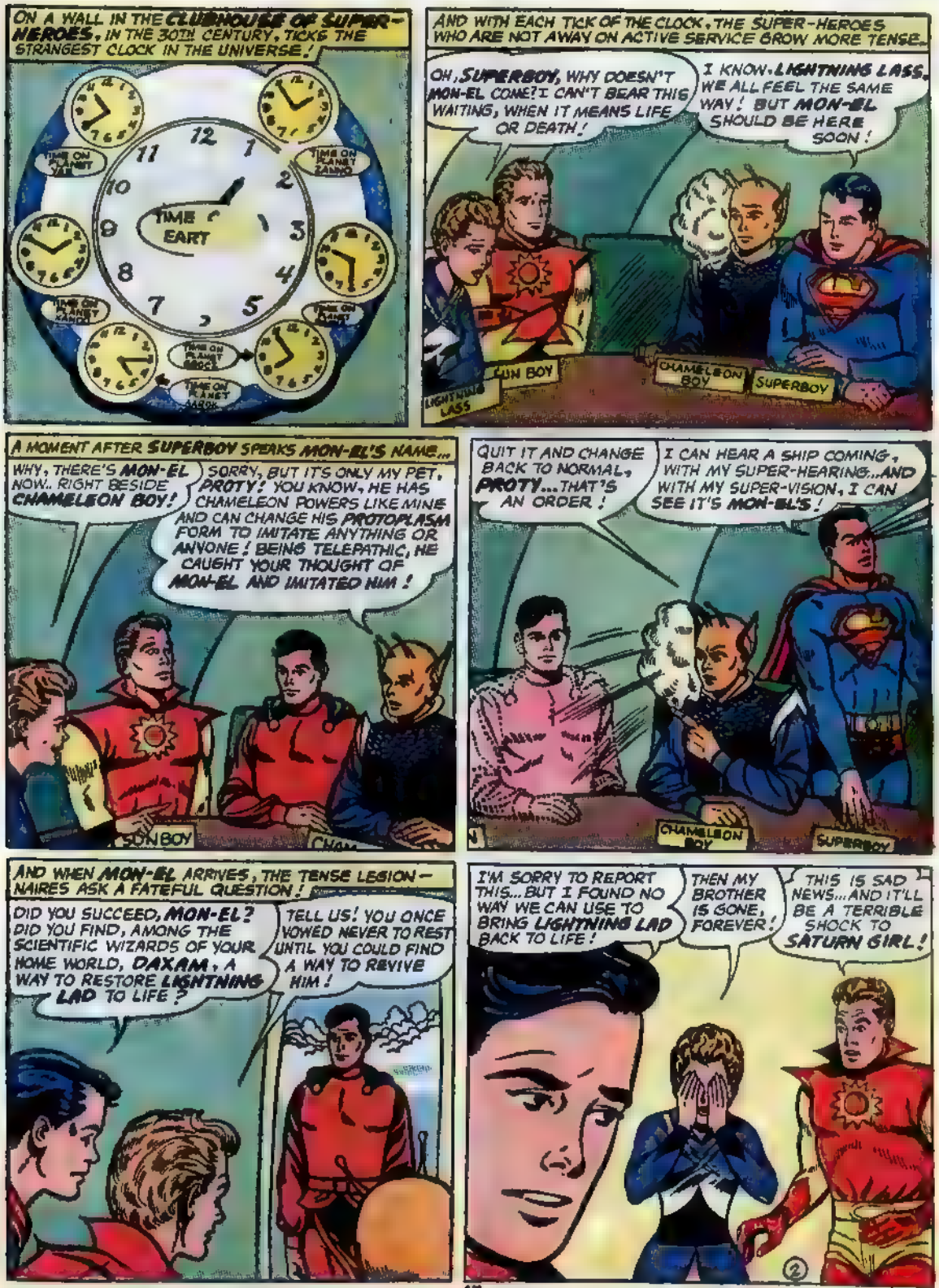
THE PEOPLE OF THIS STRANGE WORLD WERE ALL DEAD... BUT NOW THEY'RE COMING TO LIFE! MAYBE I CAN FIND A SECRET HERE WHICH CAN HELP THE LEGION TO REVIVE LIGHTNING LAD!
Featuring (In this issue)
SUPERBOY
MON-EL
SATURN GIRL
SUN BOY
LIGHTNING LASS
CHAMELEON BOY and his amazing pet, PROTY
JOHN FORTE


ON A WALL IN THE CLUBHOUSE OF SUPER-HEROES, IN THE 30TH CENTURY, TICKS THE STRANGEST CLOCK IN THE UNIVERSE!
TIME ON EARTH
TIME ON PLANET XAN
TIME ON PLANET ZARNO
TIME ON PLANET KANDOR
TIME ON PLANET ORRO
TIME ON PLANET AARON
AND WITH EACH TICK OF THE CLOCK, THE SUPER-HEROES WHO ARE NOT AWAY ON ACTIVE SERVICE GROW MORE TENSE...
OH, SUPERBOY, WHY DOESN'T MON-EL COME? I CAN'T BEAR THIS WAITING, WHEN IT MEANS LIFE OR DEATH!
I KNOW, LIGHTNING LASS, WE ALL FEEL THE SAME WAY! BUT MON-EL SHOULD BE HERE SOON!
LIGHTNING LASS
SUN BOY
CHAMELEON BOY
SUPERBOY
A MOMENT AFTER SUPERBOY SPEAKS MON-EL'S NAME...
WHY, THERE'S MON-EL NOW.. RIGHT BESIDE CHAMELEON BOY!
SORRY, BUT IT'S ONLY MY PET, PROTY! YOU KNOW, HE HAS CHAMELEON POWERS LIKE MINE AND CAN CHANGE HIS PROTOPLASM FORM TO IMITATE ANYTHING OR ANYONE! BEING TELEPATHIC, HE CAUGHT YOUR THOUGHT OF MON-EL AND IMITATED HIM!
SUN BOY
CHAM
QUIT IT AND CHANGE BACK TO NORMAL, PROTY... THAT'S AN ORDER!
I CAN HEAR A SHIP COMING, WITH MY SUPER-HEARING... AND WITH MY SUPER-VISION, I CAN SEE IT'S MON-EL'S!
CHAMELEON BOY
SUPERBOY
AND WHEN MON-EL ARRIVES, THE TENSE LEGION-NAIRES ASK A FATEFUL QUESTION!
DID YOU SUCCEED, MON-EL? DID YOU FIND, AMONG THE SCIENTIFIC WIZARDS OF YOUR HOME WORLD, DAXAM, A WAY TO RESTORE LIGHTNING LAD TO LIFE?
TELL US! YOU ONCE VOWED NEVER TO REST UNTIL YOU COULD FIND A WAY TO REVIVE HIM!
I'M SORRY TO REPORT THIS... BUT I FOUND NO WAY WE CAN USE TO BRING LIGHTNING LAD BACK TO LIFE!
THEN MY BROTHER IS GONE, FOREVER!
THIS IS SAD NEWS... AND IT'LL BE A TERRIBLE SHOCK TO SATURN GIRL!
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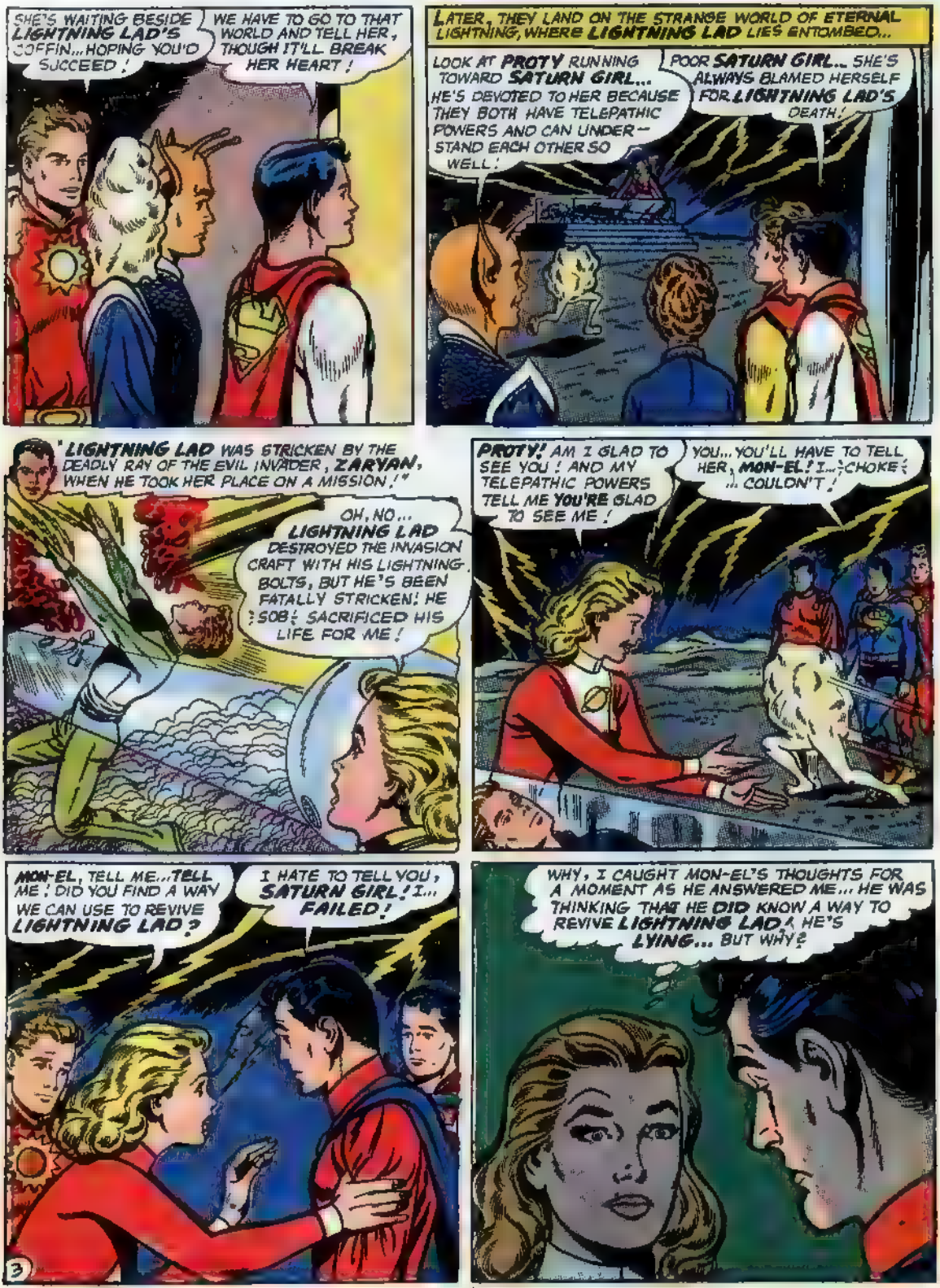
SHE'S WAITING BESIDE LIGHTNING LAD'S COFFIN... HOPING YOU'D SUCCEED!
WE HAVE TO GO TO THAT WORLD AND TELL HER, THOUGH IT'LL BREAK HER HEART!
LATER, THEY LAND ON THE STRANGE WORLD OF ETERNAL LIGHTNING, WHERE LIGHTNING LAD LIES ENTOMBED...
LOOK AT PROTY RUNNING TOWARD SATURN GIRL... HE'S DEVOTED TO HER BECAUSE THEY BOTH HAVE TELEPATHIC POWERS AND CAN UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER SO WELL!
POOR SATURN GIRL... SHE'S ALWAYS BLAMED HERSELF FOR LIGHTNING LAD'S DEATH!
"LIGHTNING LAD WAS STRICKEN BY THE DEADLY RAY OF THE EVIL INVADER, ZARYAN, WHEN HE TOOK HER PLACE ON A MISSION!"
OH, NO... LIGHTNING LAD DESTROYED THE INVASION CRAFT WITH HIS LIGHTNING BOLTS, BUT HE'S BEEN FATALLY STRICKEN! HE SOB SACRIFICED HIS LIFE FOR ME!
PROTY! AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU! AND MY TELEPATHIC POWERS TELL ME YOU'RE GLAD TO SEE ME!
YOU... YOU'LL HAVE TO TELL HER, MON-EL! I... CHOKE ... COULDN'T!
MON-EL, TELL ME... TELL ME! DID YOU FIND A WAY WE CAN USE TO REVIVE LIGHTNING LAD?
I HATE TO TELL YOU, SATURN GIRL! I... FAILED!
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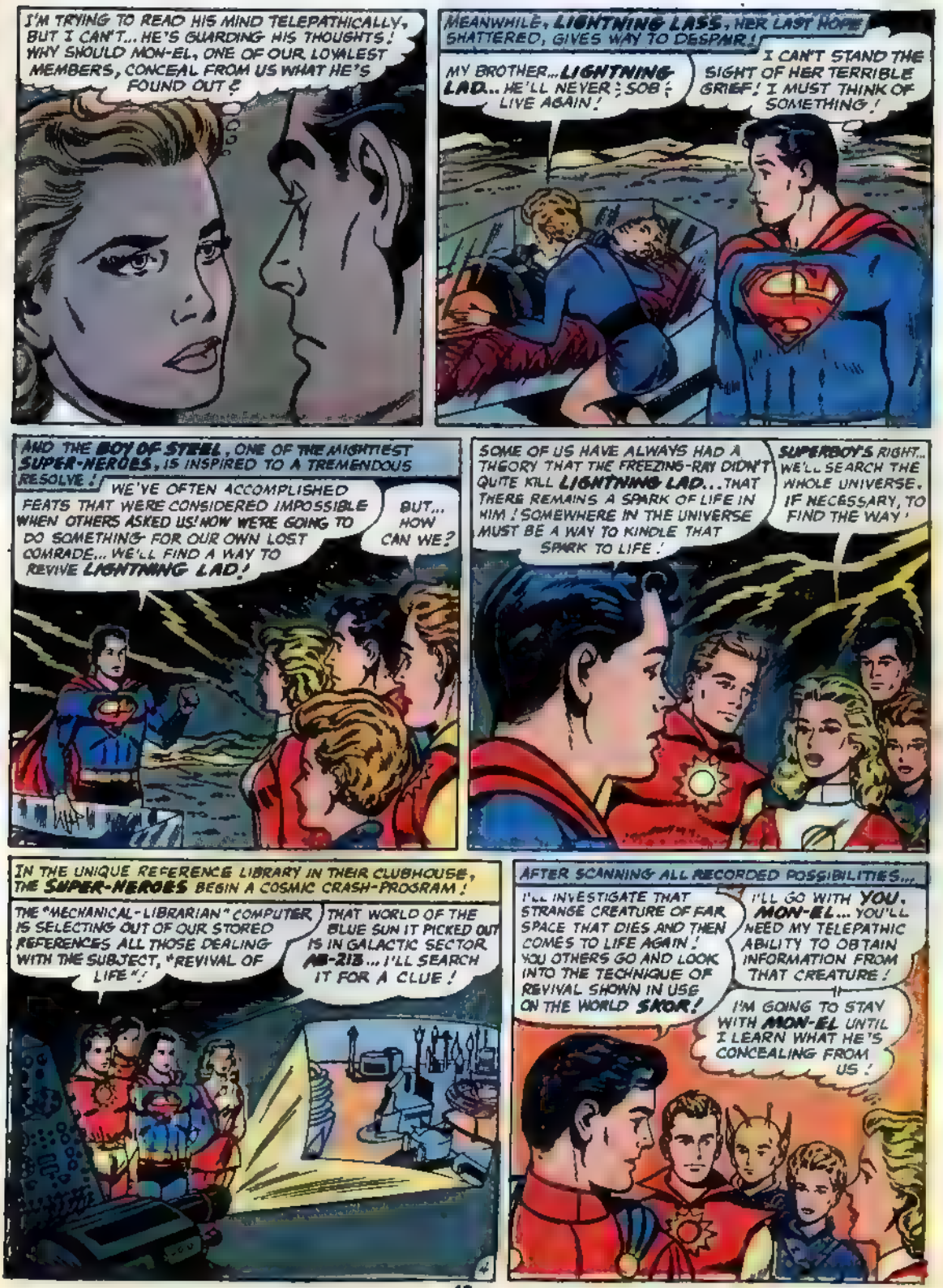
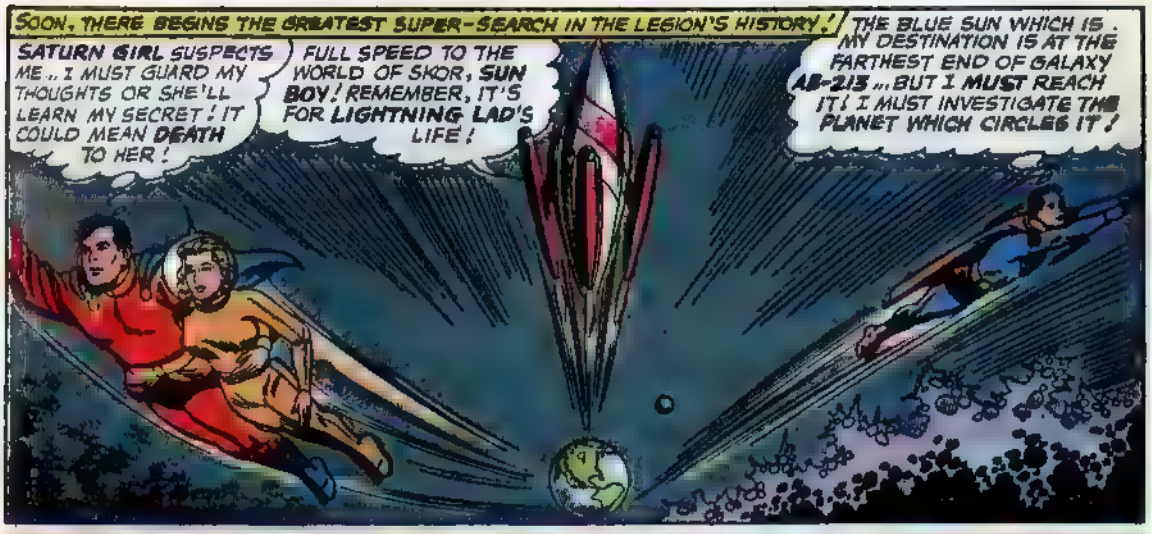
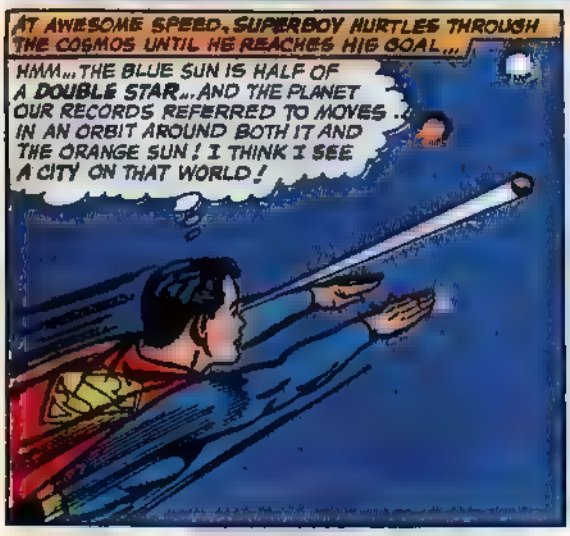
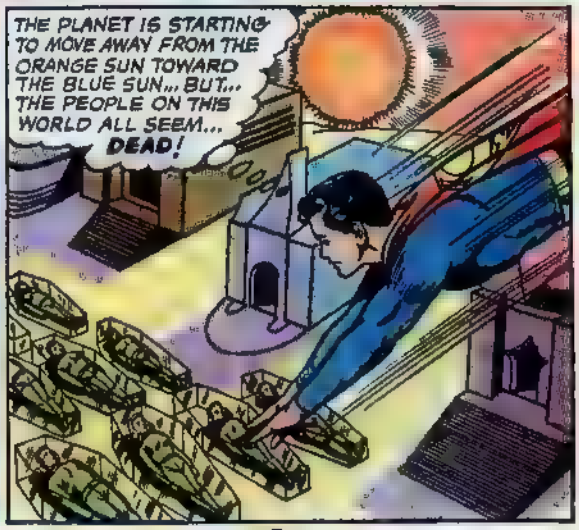
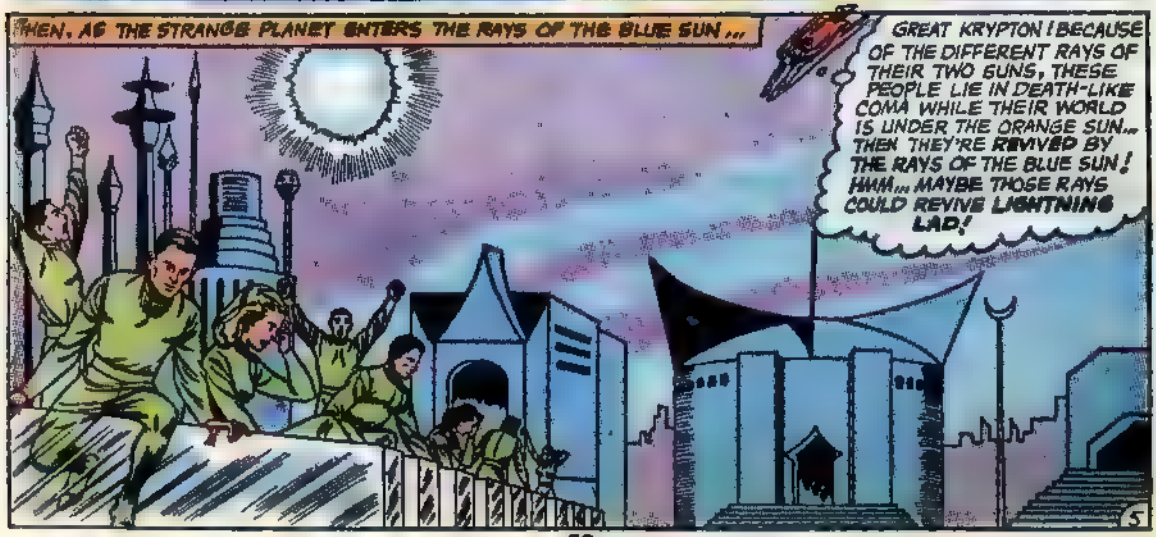
WHY, I CAUGHT MON-EL'S THOUGHTS FOR A MOMENT AS HE ANSWERED ME... HE WAS THINKING THAT HE DID KNOW A WAY TO REVIVE LIGHTNING LAD! HE'S LYING... BUT WHY?


I'M TRYING TO READ HIS MIND TELEPATHICALLY, BUT I CAN'T... HE'S GUARDING HIS THOUGHTS! WHY SHOULD MON-EL, ONE OF OUR LOYALEST MEMBERS, CONCEAL FROM US WHAT HE'S FOUND OUT?
MEANWHILE, LIGHTNING LASS, HER LAST HOPE SHATTERED, GIVES WAY TO DESPAIR!
MY BROTHER... LIGHTNING LAD... HE'LL NEVER LIVE AGAIN! SOB!
I CAN'T STAND THE SIGHT OF HER TERRIBLE GRIEF! I MUST THINK OF SOMETHING!
AND THE BOY OF STEEL, ONE OF THE MIGHTIEST SUPER-HEROES, IS INSPIRED TO A TREMENDOUS RESOLVE!
WE'VE OFTEN ACCOMPLISHED FEATS THAT WERE CONSIDERED IMPOSSIBLE WHEN OTHERS ASKED US! NOW WE'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING FOR OUR OWN LOST COMRADE... WE'LL FIND A WAY TO REVIVE LIGHTNING LAD!
BUT... HOW CAN WE?
SOME OF US HAVE ALWAYS HAD A THEORY THAT THE FREEZING-RAY DIDN'T QUITE KILL LIGHTNING LAD... THAT THERE REMAINS A SPARK OF LIFE IN HIM! SOMEWHERE IN THE UNIVERSE MUST BE A WAY TO KINDLE THAT SPARK TO LIFE!
SUPERBOY'S RIGHT... WE'LL SEARCH THE WHOLE UNIVERSE. IF NECESSARY, TO FIND THE WAY!
IN THE UNIQUE REFERENCE LIBRARY IN THEIR CLUBHOUSE, THE SUPER-HEROES BEGIN A COSMIC CRASH-PROGRAM!
THE "MECHANICAL-LIBRARIAN" COMPUTER IS SELECTING OUT OF OUR STORED REFERENCES ALL THOSE DEALING WITH THE SUBJECT, "REVIVAL OF LIFE"!
THAT WORLD OF THE BLUE SUN IT PICKED OUT IS IN GALACTIC SECTOR AB-21B... I'LL SEARCH IT FOR A CLUE!
AFTER SCANNING ALL RECORDED POSSIBILITIES...
I'LL INVESTIGATE THAT STRANGE CREATURE OF FAR SPACE THAT DIES AND THEN COMES TO LIFE AGAIN! YOU OTHERS GO AND LOOK INTO THE TECHNIQUE OF REVIVAL SHOWN IN USE ON THE WORLD SKOR!
I'LL GO WITH YOU, MON-EL... YOU'LL NEED MY TELEPATHIC ABILITY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM THAT CREATURE!
I'M GOING TO STAY WITH MON-EL UNTIL I LEARN WHAT HE'S CONCEALING FROM US!


SOON, THERE BEGINS THE GREATEST SUPER-SEARCH IN THE LEGION'S HISTORY!
SATURN GIRL SUSPECTS ME .. I MUST GUARD MY THOUGHTS OR SHE'LL LEARN MY SECRET! IT COULD MEAN DEATH TO HER!
FULL SPEED TO THE WORLD OF SKOR, SUN BOY! REMEMBER, IT'S FOR LIGHTNING LAD'S LIFE!
THE BLUE SUN WHICH IS MY DESTINATION IS AT THE FARTHEST END OF GALAXY AB-213 .. BUT I MUST REACH IT! I MUST INVESTIGATE THE PLANET WHICH CIRCLES IT!


AT AWESOME SPEED, SUPERBOY HURTLES THROUGH THE COSMOS UNTIL HE REACHES HIS GOAL ..
HMM .. THE BLUE SUN IS HALF OF A DOUBLE STAR .. AND THE PLANET OUR RECORDS REFERRED TO MOVES IN AN ORBIT AROUND BOTH IT AND THE ORANGE SUN! I THINK I SEE A CITY ON THAT WORLD!


THE PLANET IS STARTING TO MOVE AWAY FROM THE ORANGE SUN TOWARD THE BLUE SUN .. BUT... THE PEOPLE ON THIS WORLD ALL SEEM... DEAD!


THEN, AS THE STRANGE PLANET ENTERS THE RAYS OF THE BLUE SUN ..
GREAT KRYPTON! BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERENT RAYS OF THEIR TWO SUNS, THESE PEOPLE LIE IN DEATH-LIKE COMA WHILE THEIR WORLD IS UNDER THE ORANGE SUN .. THEN THEY'RE REVIVED BY THE RAYS OF THE BLUE SUN! HMM .. MAYBE THOSE RAYS COULD REVIVE LIGHTNING LAD!
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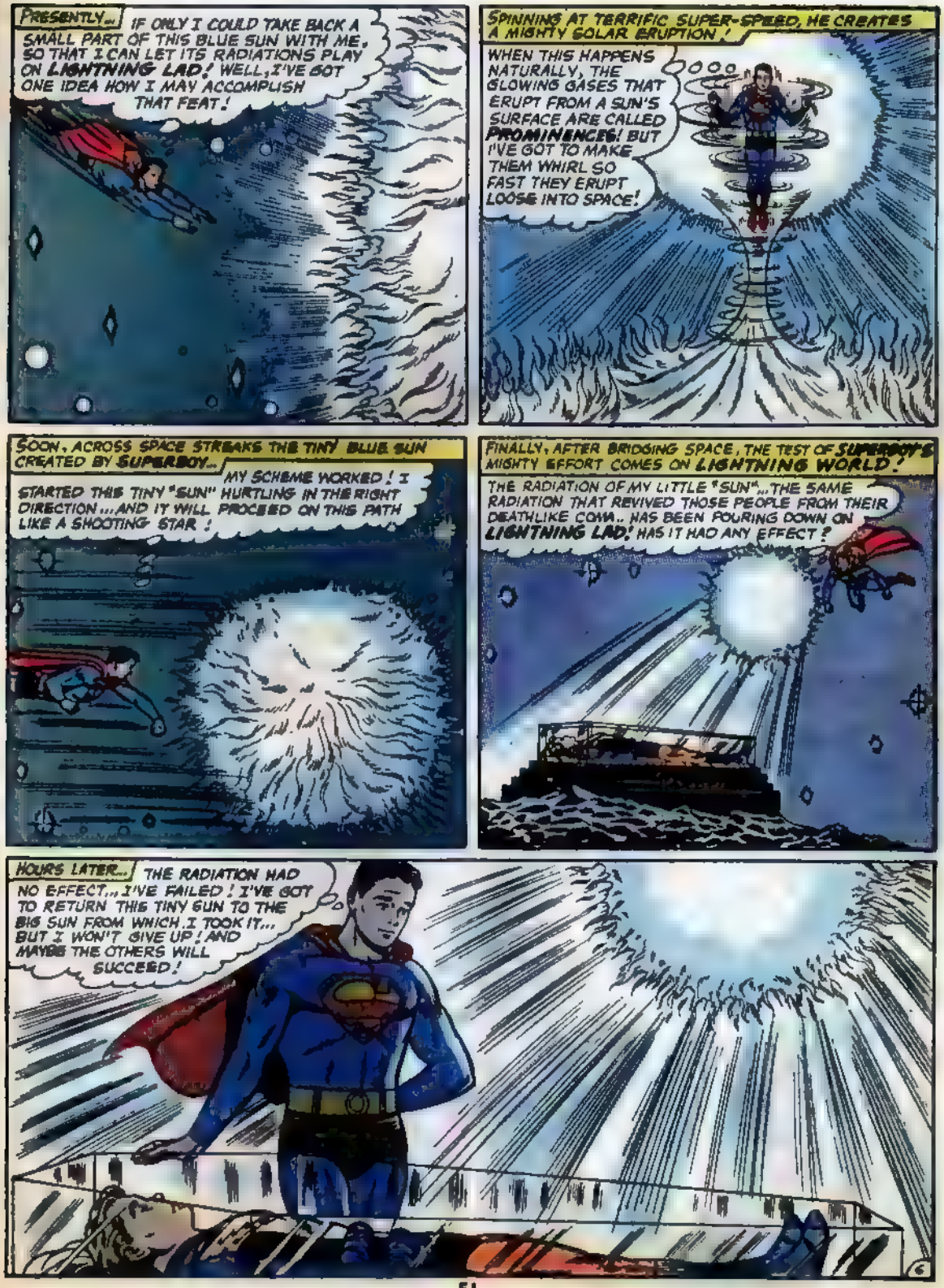
PRESENTLY... IF ONLY I COULD TAKE BACK A SMALL PART OF THIS BLUE SUN WITH ME, SO THAT I CAN LET ITS RADIATIONS PLAY ON LIGHTNING LAD! WELL, I'VE GOT ONE IDEA HOW I MAY ACCOMPLISH THAT FEAT!
SPINNING AT TERRIFIC SUPER-SPEED, HE CREATES A MIGHTY SOLAR ERUPTION!
WHEN THIS HAPPENS NATURALLY, THE GLOWING GASES THAT ERUPT FROM A SUN'S SURFACE ARE CALLED PROMINENCES! BUT I'VE GOT TO MAKE THEM WHIRL SO FAST THEY ERUPT LOOSE INTO SPACE!
SOON, ACROSS SPACE STREAKS THE TINY BLUE SUN CREATED BY SUPERBOY...
MY SCHEME WORKED! I STARTED THIS TINY "SUN" HURTLING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION...AND IT WILL PROCEED ON THIS PATH LIKE A SHOOTING STAR!
FINALLY, AFTER BRIDGING SPACE, THE TEST OF SUPERBOY'S MIGHTY EFFORT COMES ON LIGHTNING WORLD!
THE RADIATION OF MY LITTLE "SUN"...THE SAME RADIATION THAT REVIVED THOSE PEOPLE FROM THEIR DEATHLIKE COMA.. HAS BEEN POURING DOWN ON LIGHTNING LAD! HAS IT HAD ANY EFFECT?
HOURS LATER... THE RADIATION HAD NO EFFECT...I'VE FAILED! I'VE GOT TO RETURN THIS TINY SUN TO THE BIG SUN FROM WHICH I TOOK IT... BUT I WON'T GIVE UP! AND MAYBE THE OTHERS WILL SUCCEED!
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HOW HAVE THE OTHERS FARED IN THE COSMIC SEARCH? AS MON-EL AND SATURN GIRL SPEED TOWARD A DISTANT WORLD...
THE PLANET AHEAD IS THE HOME OF THE TAROC CREATURE! ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, THIS CREATURE DIES AND THEN, FOR SOME MYSTERIOUS REASON, COMES TO LIFE AGAIN!
I STILL CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY MON-EL WOULD CONCEAL THE SECRET OF REVIVING LIGHTNING LAD! I WONDER... IS HE JEALOUS OF LIGHTNING LAD'S FAME?
AND AS THEY ZOOM DOWN TO THE PLANET WHERE THE DREADED CREATURES DWELL...
THERE ARE THE TAROC CREATURES! NOW TO FIND OUT HOW THEY CAN DIE AND LIVE AGAIN...BUT THEY'RE FEROCIOUS, AND WE MUST BE CAREFUL!
THERE COMES ONE OF THE TAROCS TO ATTACK US!
YOU STAY HERE, SATURN GIRL! I'M INVULNERABLE, AND IT CAN'T HURT ME!
THERE, MR. BEASTIE! THIS LIGHT TAP SHOULD TEACH YOU NOT TO MOLEST HUMANS! NOW I'LL PICK UP SATURN GIRL, AND WE'LL SEARCH TILL WE FIND A DYING TAROC... THEN WE CAN SEE HOW IT REVIVES AND LIVES AGAIN!
A LONG SEARCH IS FINALLY REWARDED!
THAT OLD ONE FELL TO THE GROUND, AND SEEMED TO DIE A NATURAL DEATH, OF OLD AGE!
BUT ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, IT WILL LIVE AGAIN! WE'LL WATCH!
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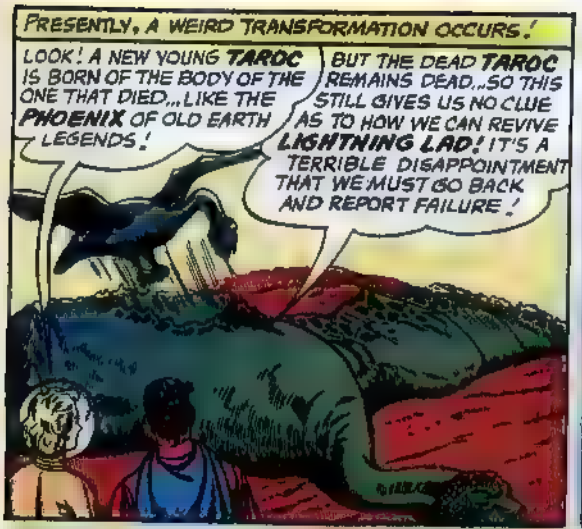
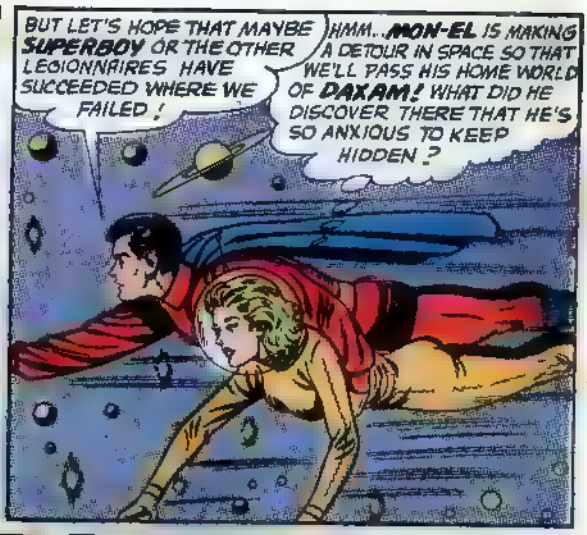
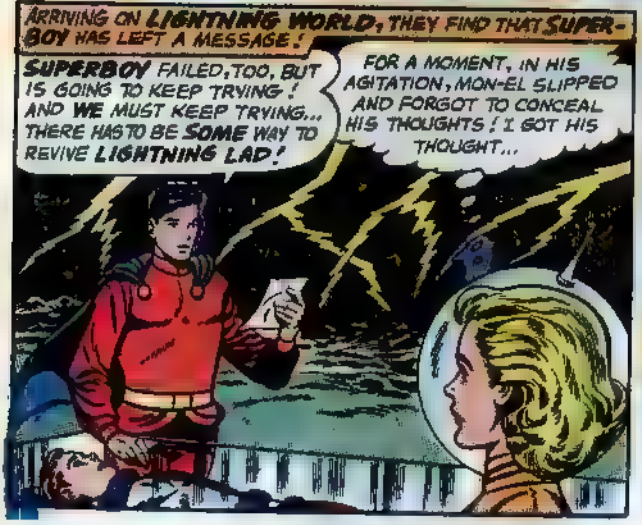
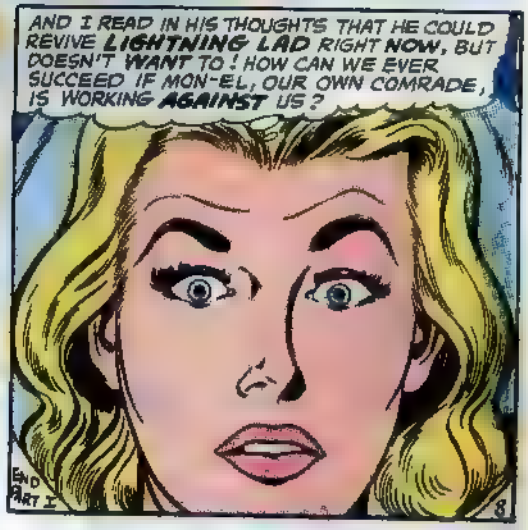

PRESENTLY, A WEIRD TRANSFORMATION OCCURS!
LOOK! A NEW YOUNG TAROC IS BORN OF THE BODY OF THE ONE THAT DIED... LIKE THE PHOENIX OF OLD EARTH LEGENDS!
BUT THE DEAD TAROC REMAINS DEAD... SO THIS STILL GIVES US NO CLUE AS TO HOW WE CAN REVIVE LIGHTNING LAD! IT'S A TERRIBLE DISAPPOINTMENT THAT WE MUST GO BACK AND REPORT FAILURE!


BUT LET'S HOPE THAT MAYBE SUPERBOY OR THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES HAVE SUCCEEDED WHERE WE FAILED!
HMM... MON-EL IS MAKING A DETOUR IN SPACE SO THAT WE'LL PASS HIS HOME WORLD OF DAXAM! WHAT DID HE DISCOVER THERE THAT HE'S SO ANXIOUS TO KEEP HIDDEN?


ARRIVING ON LIGHTNING WORLD, THEY FIND THAT SUPER-BOY HAS LEFT A MESSAGE!
SUPERBOY FAILED, TOO, BUT IS GOING TO KEEP TRYING! AND WE MUST KEEP TRYING... THERE HAS TO BE SOME WAY TO REVIVE LIGHTNING LAD!
FOR A MOMENT, IN HIS AGITATION, MON-EL SLIPPED AND FORGOT TO CONCEAL HIS THOUGHTS! I GOT HIS THOUGHT...


AND I READ IN HIS THOUGHTS THAT HE COULD REVIVE LIGHTNING LAD RIGHT NOW, BUT DOESN'T WANT TO! HOW CAN WE EVER SUCCEED IF MON-EL, OUR OWN COMRADE, IS WORKING AGAINST US?
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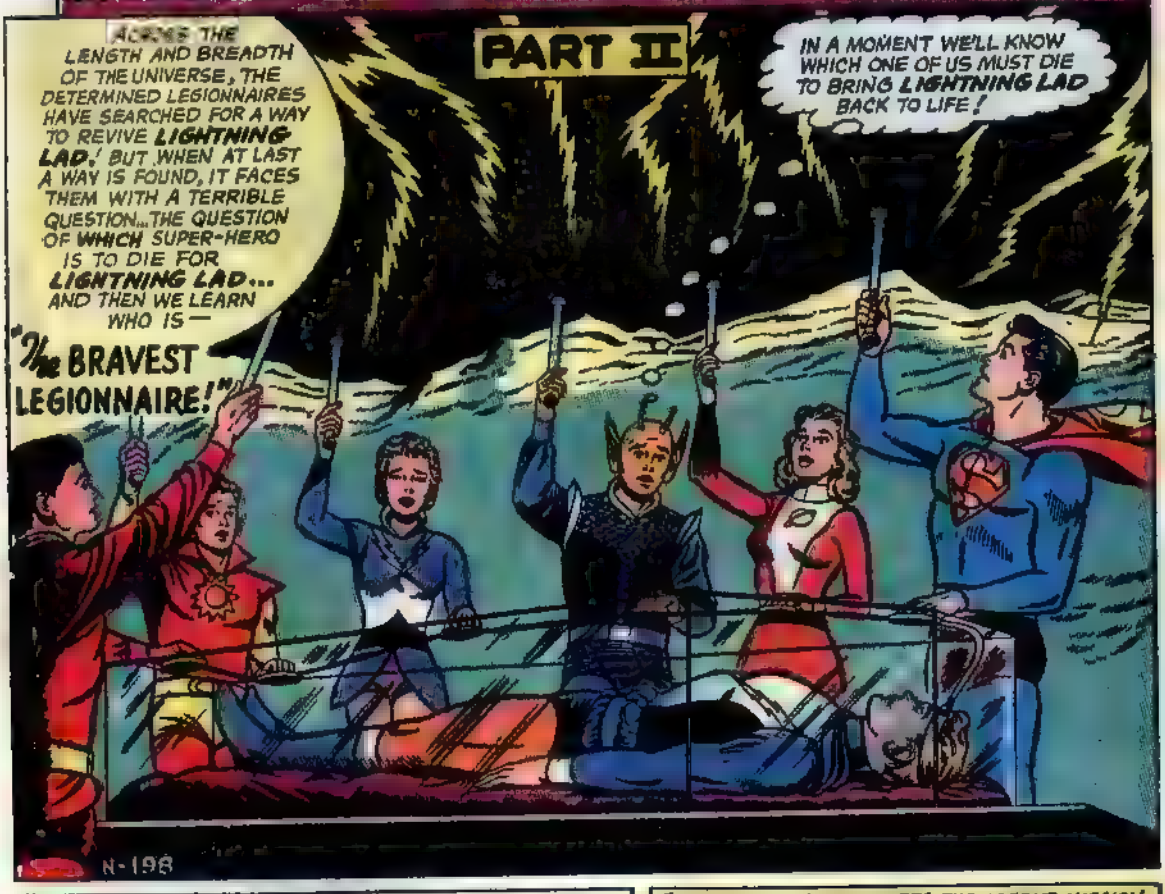
TALES OF THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES

PART II


ACROSS THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF THE UNIVERSE, THE DETERMINED LEGIONNAIRES HAVE SEARCHED FOR A WAY TO REVIVE LIGHTNING LAD! BUT WHEN AT LAST A WAY IS FOUND, IT FACES THEM WITH A TERRIBLE QUESTION...THE QUESTION OF WHICH SUPER-HERO IS TO DIE FOR LIGHTNING LAD... AND THEN WE LEARN WHO IS —
"The BRAVEST LEGIONNAIRE!"
IN A MOMENT WE'LL KNOW WHICH ONE OF US MUST DIE TO BRING LIGHTNING LAD BACK TO LIFE!
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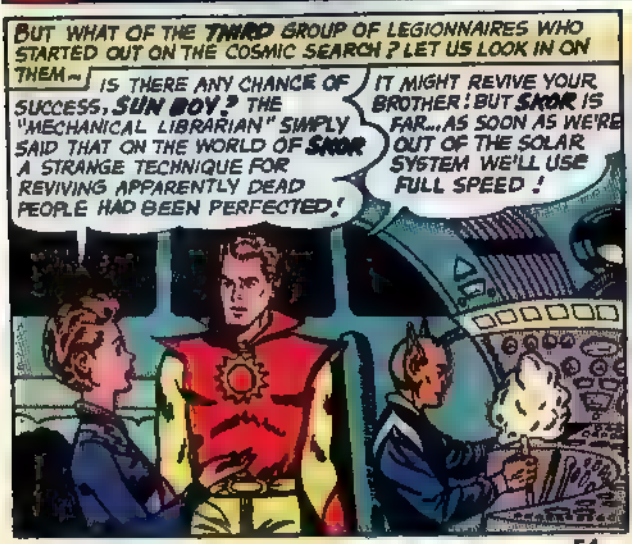
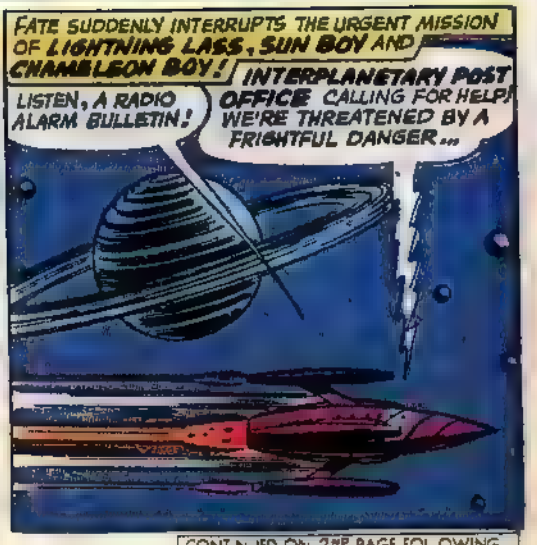

BUT WHAT OF THE THIRD GROUP OF LEGIONNAIRES WHO STARTED OUT ON THE COSMIC SEARCH? LET US LOOK IN ON THEM—
IS THERE ANY CHANCE OF SUCCESS, SUN BOY? THE "MECHANICAL LIBRARIAN" SIMPLY SAID THAT ON THE WORLD OF SHOR A STRANGE TECHNIQUE FOR REVIVING APPARENTLY DEAD PEOPLE HAD BEEN PERFECTED!
IT MIGHT REVIVE YOUR BROTHER! BUT SHOR IS FAR...AS SOON AS WE'RE OUT OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM WE'LL USE FULL SPEED!


FATE SUDDENLY INTERRUPTS THE URGENT MISSION OF LIGHTNING LASS, SUN BOY AND CHAMELEON BOY!
LISTEN, A RADIO ALARM BULLETIN!
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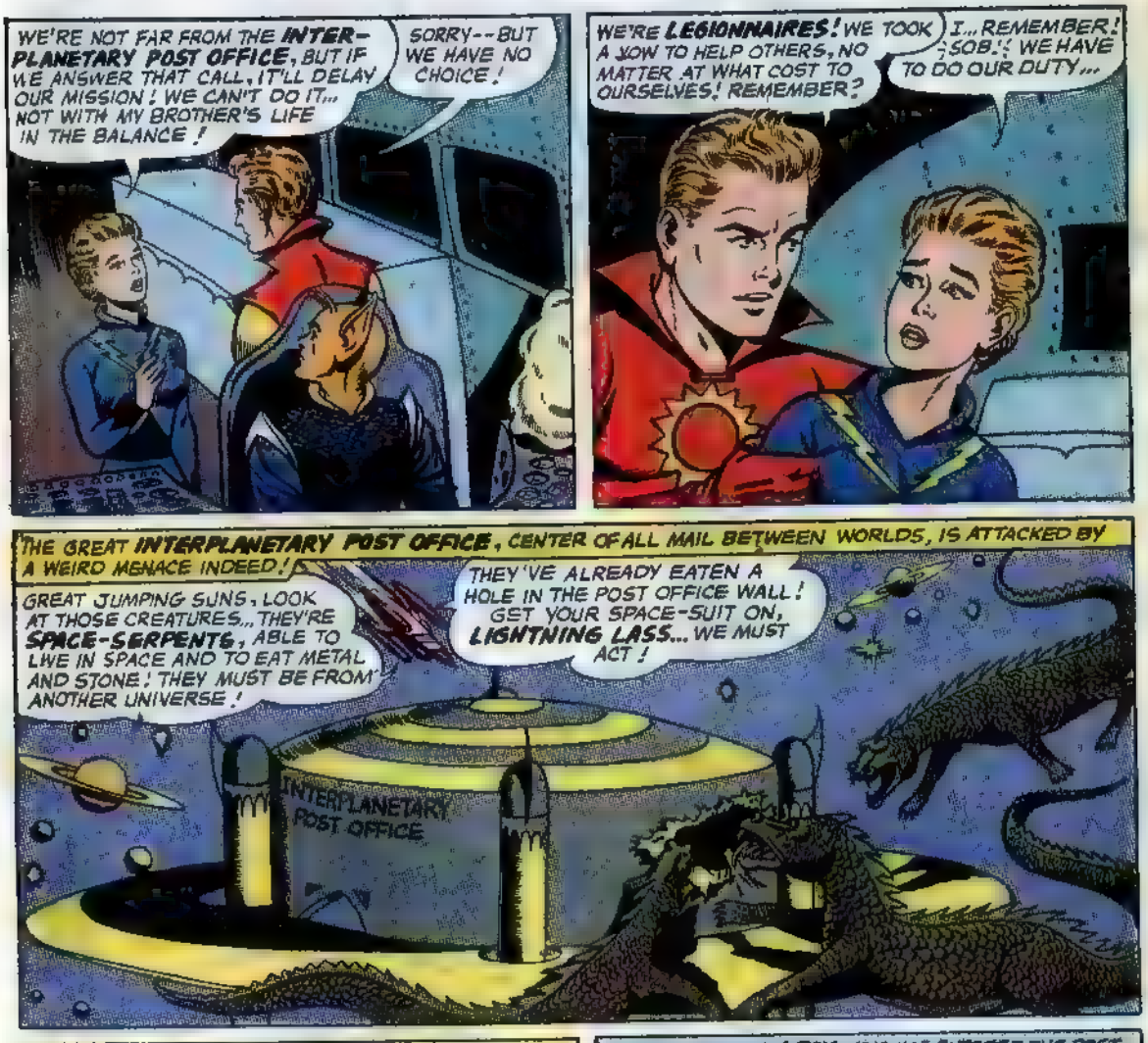
WE'RE NOT FAR FROM THE INTER-PLANETARY POST OFFICE, BUT IF WE ANSWER THAT CALL, IT'LL DELAY OUR MISSION! WE CAN'T DO IT... NOT WITH MY BROTHER'S LIFE IN THE BALANCE!
SORRY--BUT WE HAVE NO CHOICE!
WE'RE LEGIONNAIRES! WE TOOK A VOW TO HELP OTHERS, NO MATTER AT WHAT COST TO OURSELVES! REMEMBER?
I... REMEMBER! ;SOB!; WE HAVE TO DO OUR DUTY...
THE GREAT INTERPLANETARY POST OFFICE, CENTER OF ALL MAIL BETWEEN WORLDS, IS ATTACKED BY A WEIRD MENACE INDEED!
GREAT JUMPING SUNS, LOOK AT THOSE CREATURES... THEY'RE SPACE-SERPENTS, ABLE TO LIVE IN SPACE AND TO EAT METAL AND STONE! THEY MUST BE FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSE!
THEY'VE ALREADY EATEN A HOLE IN THE POST OFFICE WALL! GET YOUR SPACE-SUIT ON, LIGHTNING LASS... WE MUST ACT!
INTERPLANETARY POST OFFICE
AS SUN BOY AND LIGHTNING LASS TURN THEIR SUPER-POWERS LOOSE ON THE MONSTERS!
AS I FIGURED, THOSE CREATURES OF COLD, DARK SPACE DON'T LIKE RADIANT HEAT!
NOR LIGHTNING! THEY'RE RECOILING!
BUT CHAMELEON BOY, WHO HAS ENTERED THE POST OFFICE, IS ALERT TO A REMAINING DANGER!
ONE OF THOSE FANTASTIC CREATURES HAS EATEN INTO OUR ROCKET-MAIL ROOM! WE SEALED THE DOOR TO AVOID ALL OUR AIR ESCAPING... BUT TWO OF OUR MEN ARE CAUGHT IN THERE!
MAYBE MY PET, PROTY, WHO DOESN'T HAVE TO BREATHE AIR, CAN DECOY THE CREATURE BACK OUTSIDE!
PROTY, IMITATE ONE OF THOSE SPACE-SERPENTS!
EARTH-MARS MAIL
NEPTUNE-PLUTO MAIL
JUPITER-HE MAIL
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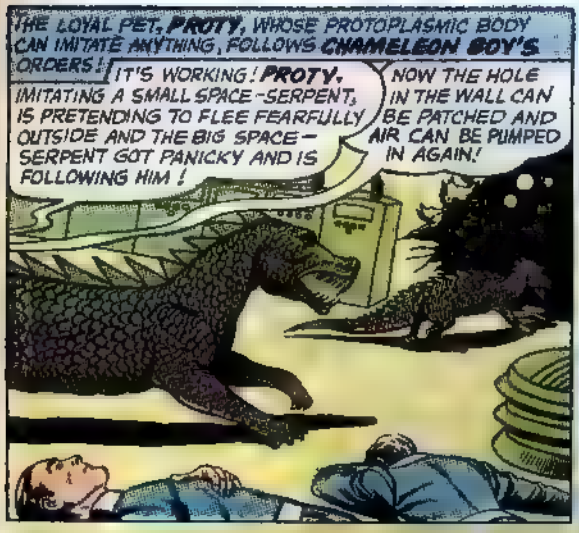
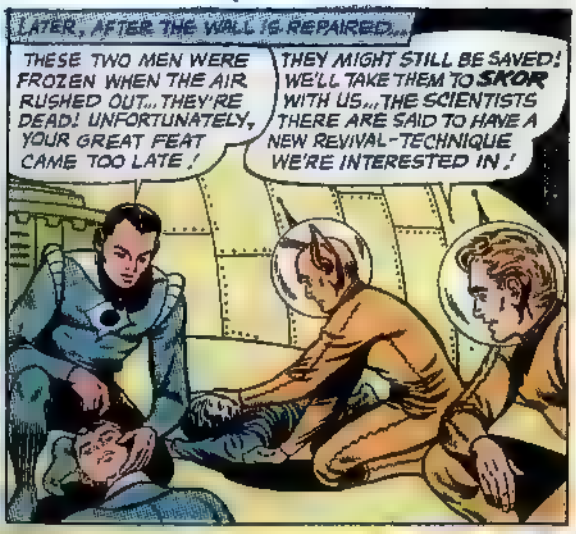
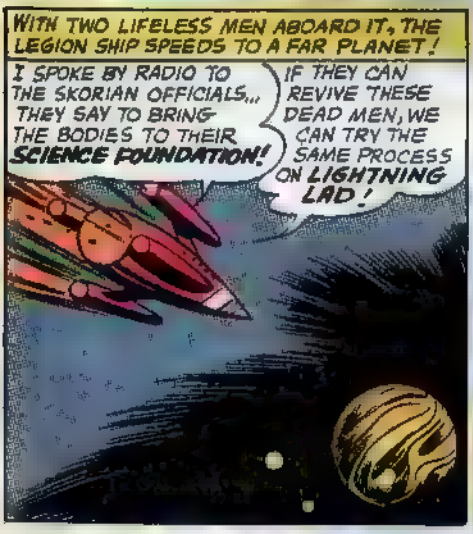
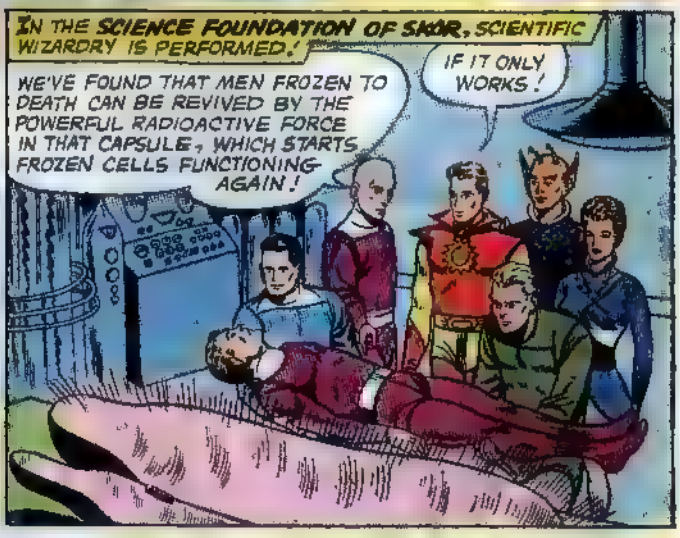
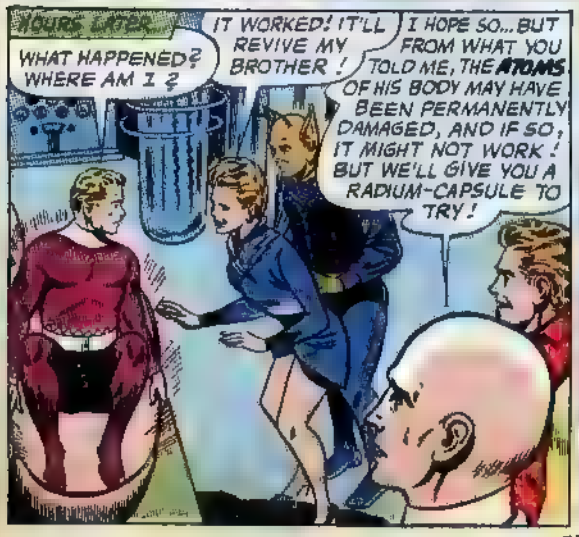
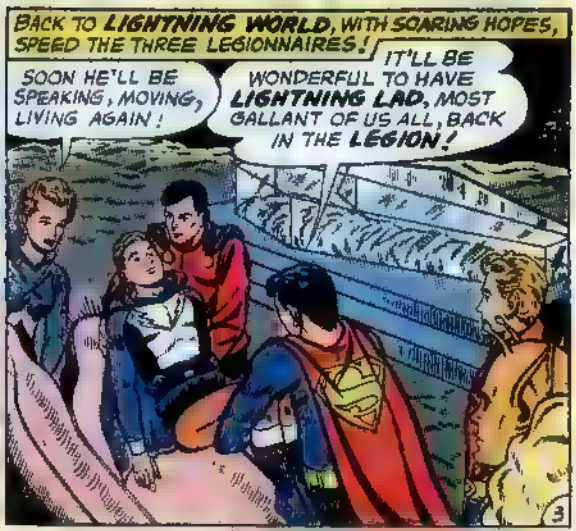

THE LOYAL PET, PROTY, WHOSE PROTOPLASMIC BODY CAN IMITATE ANYTHING, FOLLOWS CHAMELEON BOY'S ORDERS!
IT'S WORKING! PROTY, IMITATING A SMALL SPACE-SERPENT, IS PRETENDING TO FLEE FEARFULLY OUTSIDE AND THE BIG SPACE-SERPENT GOT PANICKY AND IS FOLLOWING HIM!
NOW THE HOLE IN THE WALL CAN BE PATCHED AND AIR CAN BE PUMPED IN AGAIN!


LATER, AFTER THE WALL IS REPAIRED...
THESE TWO MEN WERE FROZEN WHEN THE AIR RUSHED OUT... THEY'RE DEAD! UNFORTUNATELY, YOUR GREAT FEAT CAME TOO LATE!
THEY MIGHT STILL BE SAVED! WE'LL TAKE THEM TO SKOR WITH US... THE SCIENTISTS THERE ARE SAID TO HAVE A NEW REVIVAL-TECHNIQUE WE'RE INTERESTED IN!


WITH TWO LIFELESS MEN ABOARD IT, THE LEGION SHIP SPEEDS TO A FAR PLANET!
I SPOKE BY RADIO TO THE SKORIAN OFFICIALS... THEY SAY TO BRING THE BODIES TO THEIR SCIENCE FOUNDATION!
IF THEY CAN REVIVE THESE DEAD MEN, WE CAN TRY THE SAME PROCESS ON LIGHTNING LAD!


IN THE SCIENCE FOUNDATION OF SKOR, SCIENTIFIC WIZARDRY IS PERFORMED!
WE'VE FOUND THAT MEN FROZEN TO DEATH CAN BE REVIVED BY THE POWERFUL RADIOACTIVE FORCE IN THAT CAPSULE, WHICH STARTS FROZEN CELLS FUNCTIONING AGAIN!
IF IT ONLY WORKS!


HOURS LATER...
WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE AM I?
IT WORKED! IT'LL REVIVE MY BROTHER!
I HOPE SO... BUT FROM WHAT YOU TOLD ME, THE ATOMS OF HIS BODY MAY HAVE BEEN PERMANENTLY DAMAGED, AND IF SO, IT MIGHT NOT WORK! BUT WE'LL GIVE YOU A RADIUM-CAPSULE TO TRY!


BACK TO LIGHTNING WORLD, WITH SOARING HOPES, SPEED THE THREE LEGIONNAIRES!
SOON HE'LL BE SPEAKING, MOVING, LIVING AGAIN!
IT'LL BE WONDERFUL TO HAVE LIGHTNING LAD, MOST GALLANT OF US ALL, BACK IN THE LEGION!
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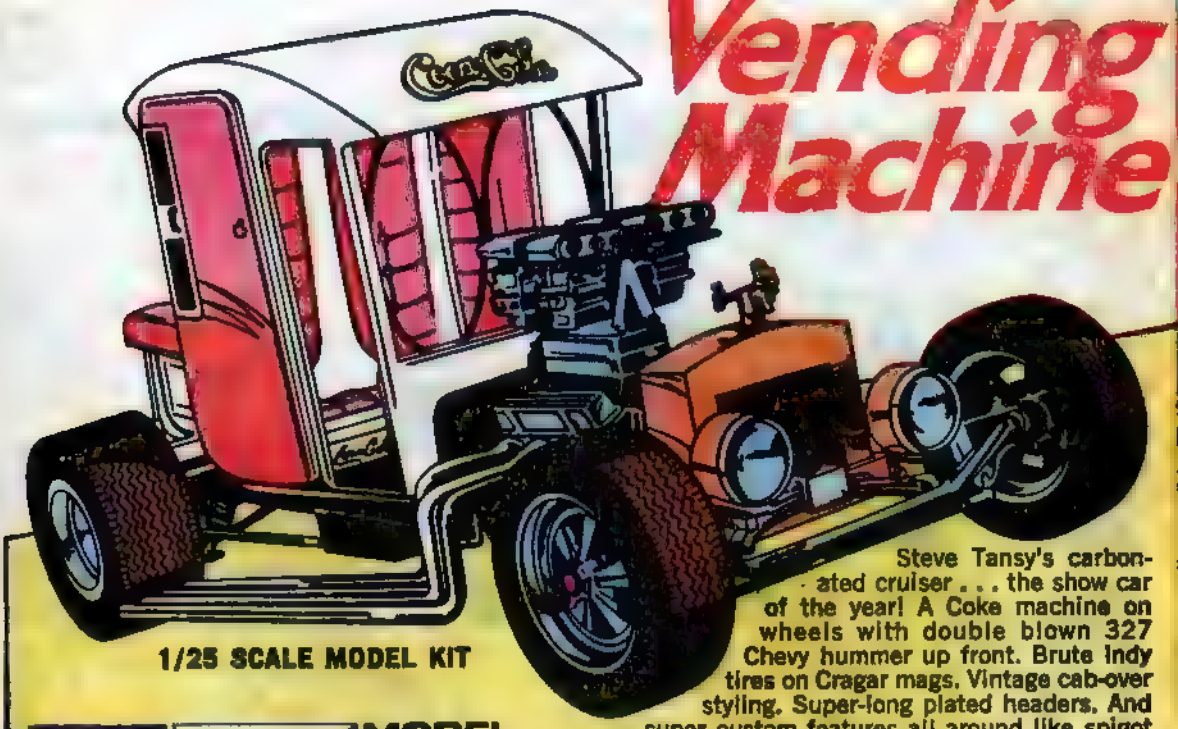

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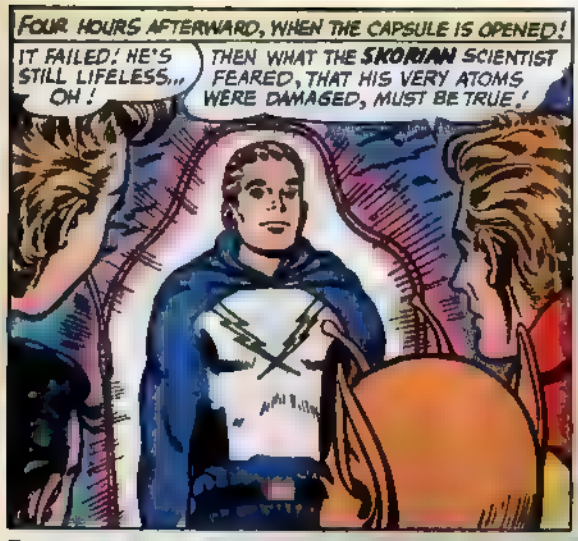
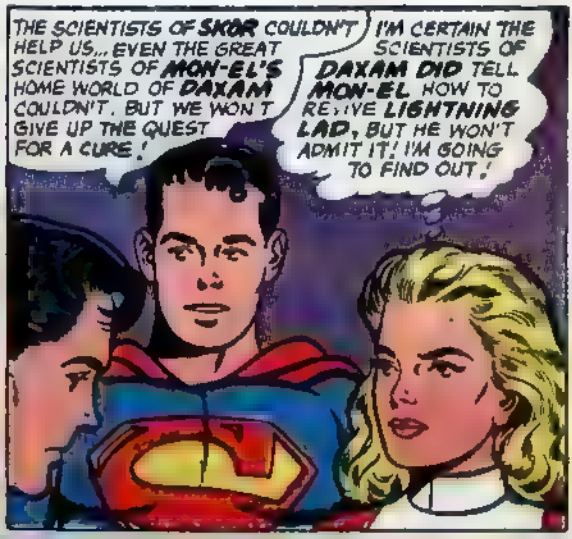
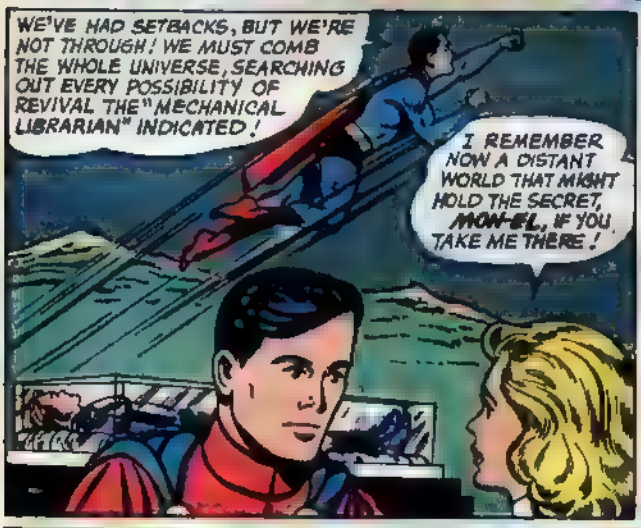
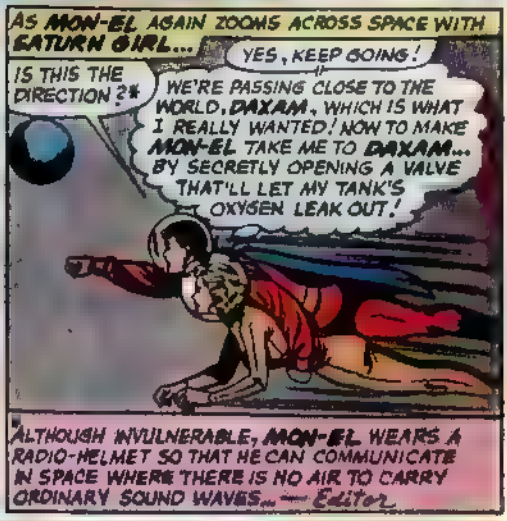
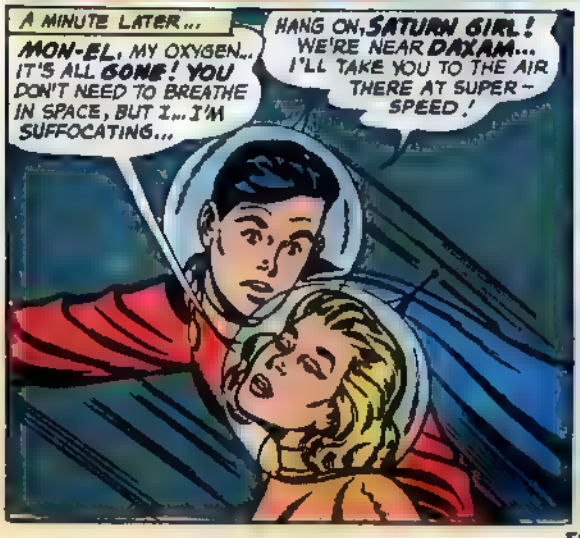
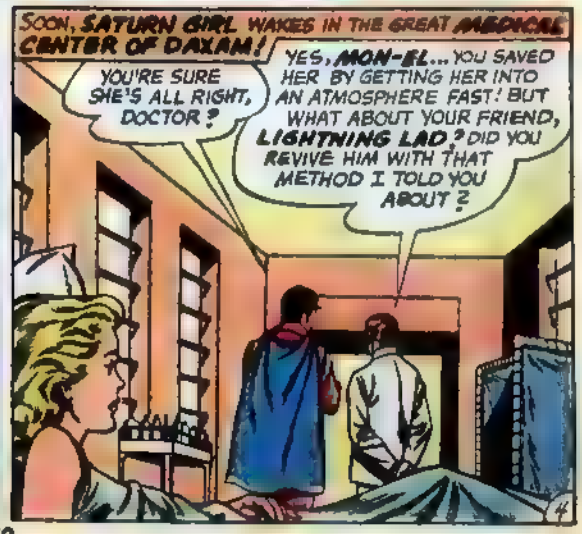

FOUR HOURS AFTERWARD, WHEN THE CAPSULE IS OPENED!
IT FAILED! HE'S STILL LIFELESS... OH!
THEN WHAT THE SKORIAN SCIENTIST FEARED, THAT HIS VERY ATOMS WERE DAMAGED, MUST BE TRUE!

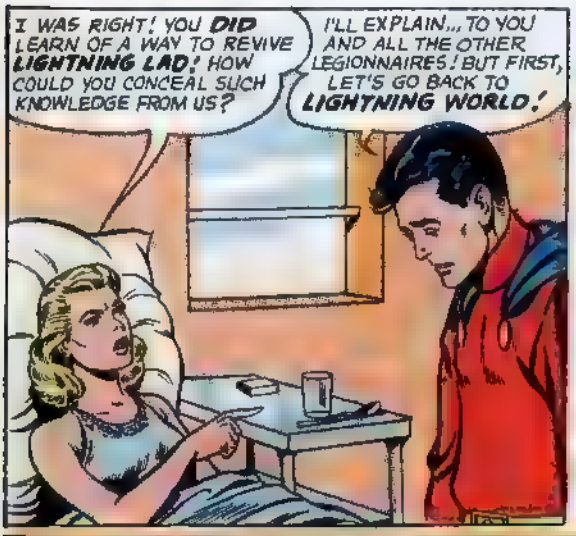

THE SCIENTISTS OF SKOR COULDN'T HELP US... EVEN THE GREAT SCIENTISTS OF MON-EL'S HOME WORLD OF DAXAM COULDN'T. BUT WE WON'T GIVE UP THE QUEST FOR A CURE!
I'M CERTAIN THE SCIENTISTS OF DAXAM DID TELL MON-EL HOW TO REVIVE LIGHTNING LAD, BUT HE WON'T ADMIT IT! I'M GOING TO FIND OUT!

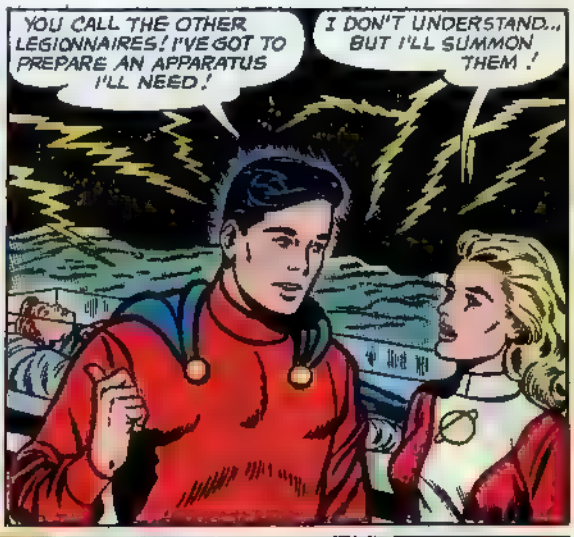

WE'VE HAD SETBACKS, BUT WE'RE NOT THROUGH! WE MUST COMB THE WHOLE UNIVERSE, SEARCHING OUT EVERY POSSIBILITY OF REVIVAL THE "MECHANICAL LIBRARIAN" INDICATED!
I REMEMBER NOW A DISTANT WORLD THAT MIGHT HOLD THE SECRET, MON-EL, IF YOU TAKE ME THERE!

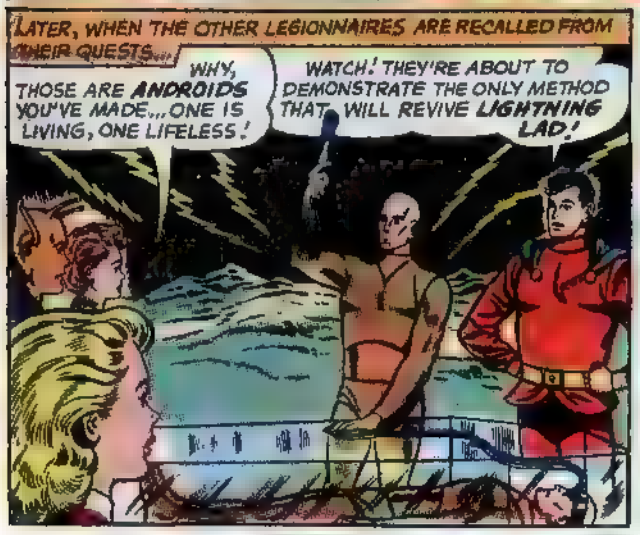

AS MON-EL AGAIN ZOOMS ACROSS SPACE WITH SATURN GIRL...
YES, KEEP GOING!
IS THIS THE DIRECTION?
WE'RE PASSING CLOSE TO THE WORLD, DAXAM, WHICH IS WHAT I REALLY WANTED! NOW TO MAKE MON-EL TAKE ME TO DAXAM... BY SECRETLY OPENING A VALVE THAT'LL LET MY TANK'S OXYGEN LEAK OUT!
ALTHOUGH INVULNERABLE, MON-EL WEARS A RADIO-HELMET SO THAT HE CAN COMMUNICATE IN SPACE WHERE THERE IS NO AIR TO CARRY ORDINARY SOUND WAVES... — Editor

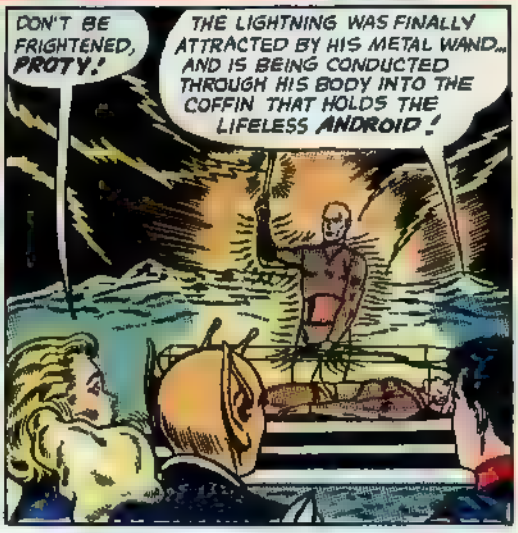

A MINUTE LATER...
MON-EL, MY OXYGEN... IT'S ALL GONE! YOU DON'T NEED TO BREATHE IN SPACE, BUT I... I'M SUFFOCATING...
HANG ON, SATURN GIRL! WE'RE NEAR DAXAM... I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE AIR THERE AT SUPER-SPEED!

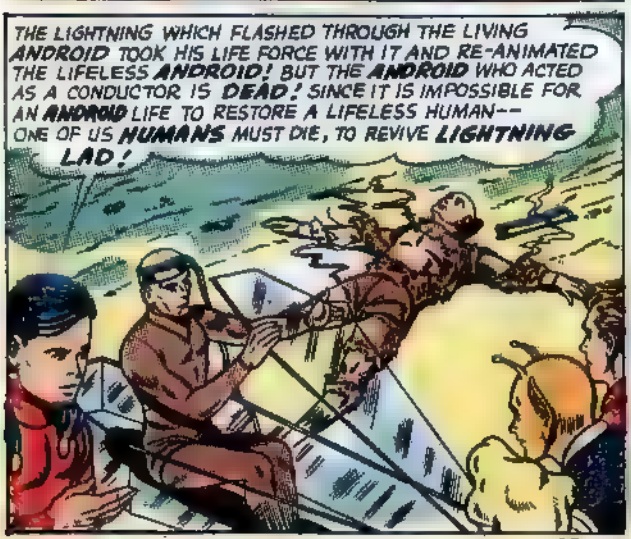

SOON, SATURN GIRL WAKES IN THE GREAT MEDICAL CENTER OF DAXAM!
YOU'RE SURE SHE'S ALL RIGHT, DOCTOR?
YES, MON-EL... YOU SAVED HER BY GETTING HER INTO AN ATMOSPHERE FAST! BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR FRIEND, LIGHTNING LAD? DID YOU REVIVE HIM WITH THAT METHOD I TOLD YOU ABOUT?


I WAS RIGHT! YOU DID LEARN OF A WAY TO REVIVE LIGHTNING LAD! HOW COULD YOU CONCEAL SUCH KNOWLEDGE FROM US?
I'LL EXPLAIN... TO YOU AND ALL THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES! BUT FIRST, LET'S GO BACK TO LIGHTNING WORLD!


YOU CALL THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES! I'VE GOT TO PREPARE AN APPARATUS I'LL NEED!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.. BUT I'LL SUMMON THEM!

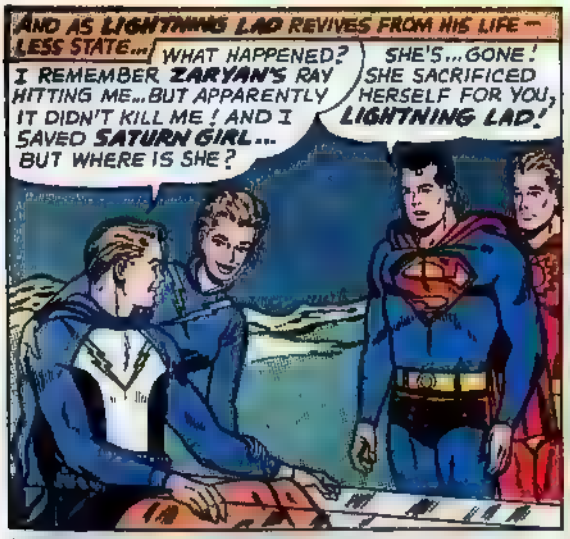

LATER, WHEN THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES ARE RECALLED FROM THEIR QUESTS...
WHY, THOSE ARE ANDROIDS YOU'VE MADE... ONE IS LIVING, ONE LIFELESS!
WATCH! THEY'RE ABOUT TO DEMONSTRATE THE ONLY METHOD THAT WILL REVIVE LIGHTNING LAD!

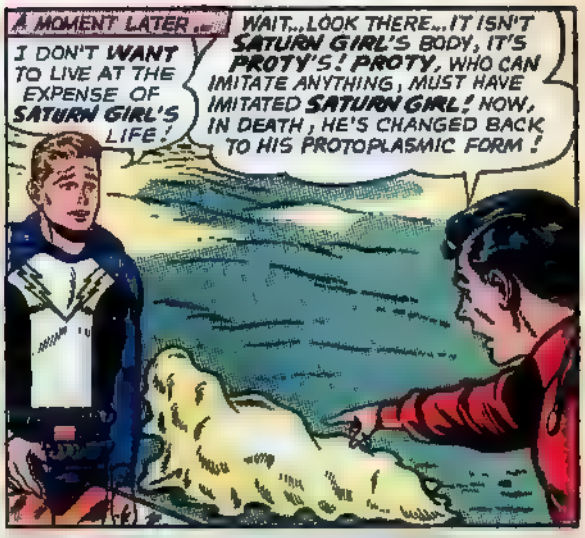

DON'T BE FRIGHTENED, PROTY!
THE LIGHTNING WAS FINALLY ATTRACTED BY HIS METAL WAND... AND IS BEING CONDUCTED THROUGH HIS BODY INTO THE COFFIN THAT HOLDS THE LIFELESS ANDROID!

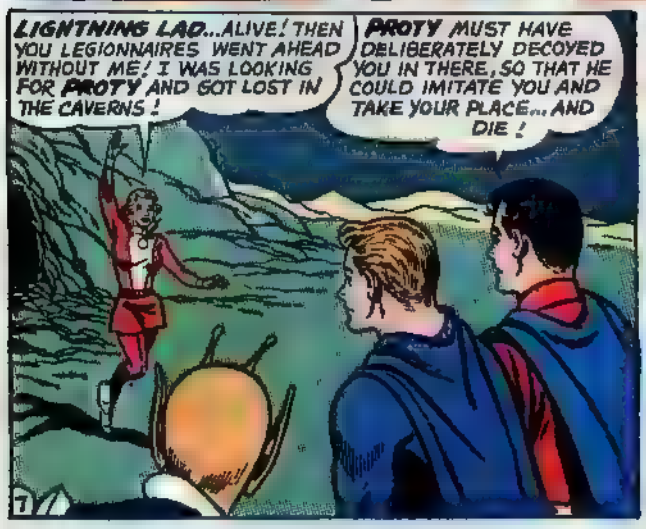

THE LIGHTNING WHICH FLASHED THROUGH THE LIVING ANDROID TOOK HIS LIFE FORCE WITH IT AND RE-ANIMATED THE LIFELESS ANDROID! BUT THE ANDROID WHO ACTED AS A CONDUCTOR IS DEAD! SINCE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR AN ANDROID LIFE TO RESTORE A LIFELESS HUMAN-- ONE OF US HUMANS MUST DIE, TO REVIVE LIGHTNING LAD!

THEN THAT'S WHY YOU CONCEALED THE REVIVAL— SECRET, AND SAID THERE WAS NO WAY "WE" COULD REVIVE LIGHTNING LAD! YOU MEANT TO SACRIFICE YOURSELF, ALONE!
I HAD THAT THOUGHT... BUT COULDN'T GET AWAY FROM YOU TO DO IT SECRETLY!

BUT, MON-EL, YOU AND I ARE SUPER ...IT COULDN'T KILL ONE OF US!
WRONG, SUPERBOY! DAXAM IS SIMILAR TO KRYPTON! OBJECTS FROM THAT WORLD ARE AS SUPER AS WE ARE... AND COULD KILL US! L. LAD CAN ONLY LIVE AGAIN IF ONE OF US DIES! BUT WHICH?
I'LL BE THE ONE... AFTER ALL, IT WAS MY FAULT THAT LIGHTNING LAD WAS KILLED!
NO, I'LL DO IT... LIGHTNING LAD WAS MY BEST FRIEND!
THERE'S ONLY ONE FAIR WAY... WE'LL EACH HOLD UP A WAND AND WHICHEVER ONE OF US THE LIGHTNING CHANCES TO STRIKE, WILL BE THE SACRIFICE! EACH OF YOU GET A STEEL WAND!
BUT SATURN GIRL, FEELING RESPONSIBLE FOR LIGHTNING LAD'S DEATH, IS DETERMINED SHE WILL BE THE SACRIFICE...
THIS WAND I'LL HOLD WILL LOOK LIKE STEEL WHEN I'M DONE PAINTING IT, BUT UNDERNEATH IT'S DURALIM, A METAL WHICH HAS A GREATER ATTRACTION FOR LIGHTNING THAN ANY OTHER ELEMENT!
PROTY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?..COME BACK!
AS SHE FOLLOWS THE RUNAWAY CHAMELEON-PET INTO TWISTING CAVERNS...
PROTY, COME HERE!
I CAN'T TELL WHERE HE IS IN THESE WINDING CAVERNS! HMM... I HOPE I DON'T HAVE TROUBLE FINDING MY WAY OUT OF THIS MAZE, SO I CAN TAKE PART IN REVIVING LIGHTNING LAD!
BUT MINUTES LATER, A SOLEMN GROUP OF LEGIONNAIRES MAKES THE GREAT ATTEMPT!
WHICH ONE OF US WILL THE LIGHTNING HIT... WHICH?
THE TERRIBLE QUESTION IS SOON ANSWERED!
IT WAS SATURN GIRL... OH, OH!
THE LIGHTNING BURNED THE "STEEL" COATING FROM HER DURALIM WAND... SHE DELIBERATELY SACRIFICED HERSELF! SHE WAS THE BRAVEST OF US ALL!


AND AS LIGHTNING LAD REVIVES FROM HIS LIFE-LESS STATE...
WHAT HAPPENED? I REMEMBER ZARYAN'S RAY HITTING ME...BUT APPARENTLY IT DIDN'T KILL ME! AND I SAVED SATURN GIRL... BUT WHERE IS SHE?
SHE'S...GONE! SHE SACRIFICED HERSELF FOR YOU, LIGHTNING LAD!


A MOMENT LATER...
I DON'T WANT TO LIVE AT THE EXPENSE OF SATURN GIRL'S LIFE!
WAIT...LOOK THERE...IT ISN'T SATURN GIRL'S BODY, IT'S PROTY'S! PROTY, WHO CAN IMITATE ANYTHING, MUST HAVE IMITATED SATURN GIRL! NOW, IN DEATH, HE'S CHANGED BACK TO HIS PROTOPLASMIC FORM!


LIGHTNING LAD...ALIVE! THEN YOU LEGIONNAIRES WENT AHEAD WITHOUT ME! I WAS LOOKING FOR PROTY AND GOT LOST IN THE CAVERNS!
PROTY MUST HAVE DELIBERATELY DECOYED YOU IN THERE, SO THAT HE COULD IMITATE YOU AND TAKE YOUR PLACE...AND DIE!
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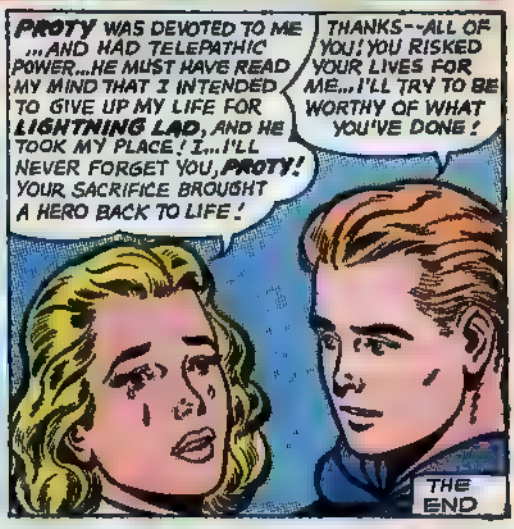
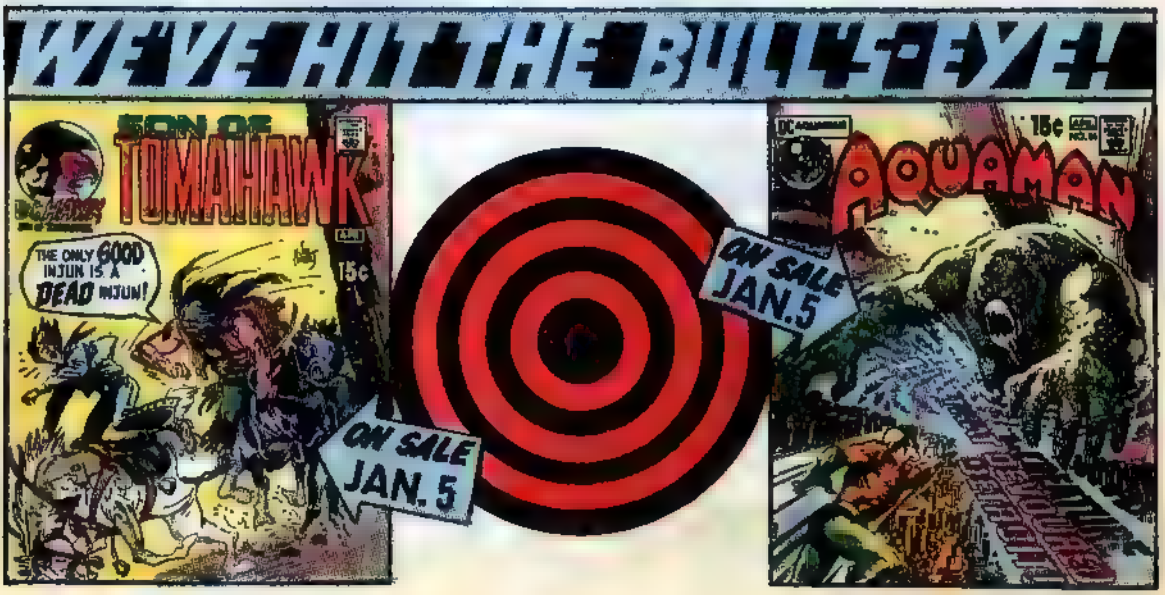

PROTY WAS DEVOTED TO ME ...AND HAD TELEPATHIC POWER...HE MUST HAVE READ MY MIND THAT I INTENDED TO GIVE UP MY LIFE FOR LIGHTNING LAD, AND HE TOOK MY PLACE! I...I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU, PROTY! YOUR SACRIFICE BROUGHT A HERO BACK TO LIFE!
THANKS--ALL OF YOU! YOU RISKED YOUR LIVES FOR ME...I'LL TRY TO BE WORTHY OF WHAT YOU'VE DONE!
THE END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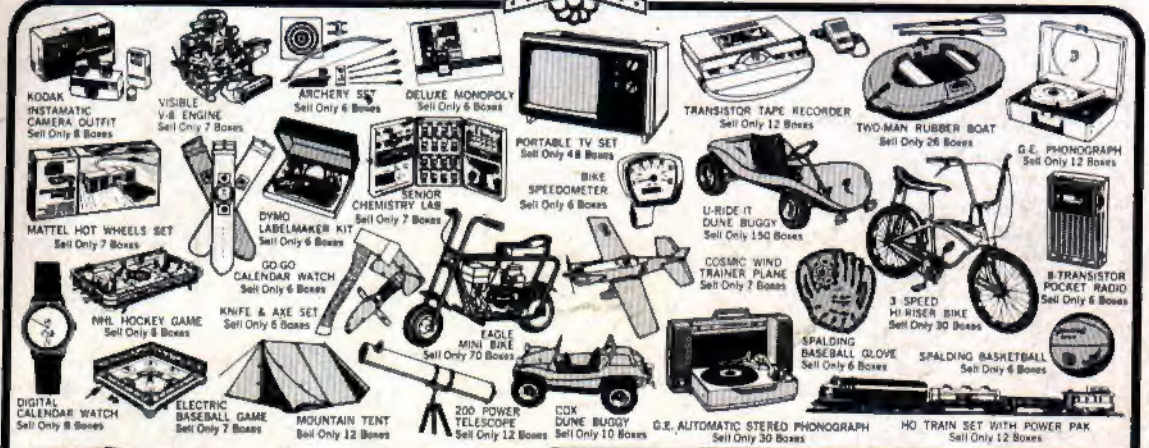

$350.00 EXTRA CASH PRIZE CONTEST*

THREE WINNERS EVERY MONTH

PICK THE PRIZES you'd like to have! Then join the Olympic Sales Club and see how easy it is to get these and other Famous Name Prizes! Or, keep BIG CASH PROFITS if you'd rather, $1.00 for every box you sell! You get prizes or profits AT ABSOLUTELY NO COST TO YOU!

ALL YOU DO is sell Olympic's beautiful Everyday Selections — the lovely new Olympic All-Occasion Card and Note Ensemble for 1971, the All-Birthday and All-Get Well Assortments, popular fast selling Personalized Stationery, smart gift wrappings and attractive gifts. Wherever you call, people will be thrilled with the new Olympic line — and the price of just $2.95 a box will make sales a snap! Sell enough boxes to get the prize you select, or keep $1.00 for each box sold.

TO JOIN THE CLUB, fill in and mail the postcard. No postage is required! We'll send you — ABSOLUTELY FREE — the Olympic All-Occasion Sales Kit, Membership Card and FREE PRIZE CATALOG. You pay *nothing*! You owe *nothing*! Just show your sales kit to friends, neighbors and relatives — and start taking orders and earning prizes — NOW!

*Complete details on Olympic's Monthly Cash Prize Contest will be sent with your Free Sales Kit. JOIN NOW! MAIL POSTCARD TODAY!

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SEAL (paste, staple or tape)

FROM (PRINT CLEARLY)

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ADDRESS_____

CITY_____

STATE_____ ZIP_____

FIRST CLASS
Permit No. 38
ENFIELD
CONNECTICUT

BUSINESS REPLY MAIL
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TRANSISTOR RADIO

CROQUET SET

GUITAR-AMP COMBO

WRIST WATCHES

VOLLEYBALL SET

GIRL'S TRAVEL CASE

SWIM SET

TAPE RECORDER

SLEEPING BAGS

30-POWER TELESCOPE

COMPLETE ARCHERY SETS

HOT WHEELS RACE SET

CHEMISTRY SETS

SPORT BIKES

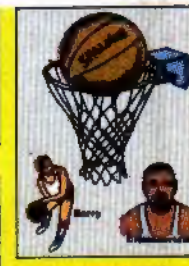
POLAROID COLORPACK CAMERA

JR. TYPEWRITER

MICROSCOPE SETS

FOUR PLAYER BADMINTON

FLASH CAMERA OUTFITS


BASKETBALL & GOAL

I sold over 500 packs and earned a bicycle.
David Peterson
Michigan

Customers like American Seeds. That's why it's so easy to sell them.
Gloria Forsyth
Florida

I've earned three prizes and money. American Seeds are great.
Dan Ballard
Washington

MAKE MONEY
GET PRIZES
with Fast Selling American Seeds

Take your choice of 100 wonderful prizes. You can earn as many as you want. Most prizes shown here and many more in our Big Prize Book are given WITHOUT COST for selling just one 48-pack order of American Vegetable and Flower Seeds at 25¢ a pack. Some of the larger prizes require more sales or extra money as explained in the Big Prize Book.

Send NO MONEY, We Trust You

Everybody wants American Seeds. They're fresh and ready to grow. You'll sell them quickly to family, friends and neighbors. Many boys and girls sell their packs in one day. You can too — and get your prize at once. Or, if you want money instead of a prize, keep $4.00 for every 48-pack order you sell.

USE THESE COUPONS ONLY

To order your seeds, fill out one of *these* coupons and mail in an envelope to:

AMERICAN SEED CO.
Dept. 131
Lancaster, Pa. 17604
OUR 53rd YEAR

MAIL ONE COUPON TODAY
Give the Other to a Friend

AMERICAN SEED CO., Dept. 131, Lancaster, Pa. 17604

Please send me your Big Prize Book and one order of 48 packs of American Seeds. I'll sell them at 25¢ a pack, send you the money and choose my prize. Send seeds checked.

☐ All Flower Seeds ☐ Mixed Vegetable and Flower Seeds

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Address_____

Town_____ State_____ Zip Code_____

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EXTRA!

$3,000 GIVEN AWAY in our Promptness Contest in addition to the prizes and money you earn selling seeds.

Complete information is sent with your Big Prize Book and Seeds.

HAVE FOR COLLEGE or SPEND IT NOW!